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Peres warns Hizbullah, but says time not ripe for retaliation

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

HIZBULLAH will be punished for its attacks on IDF troops, but now is not the opportune moment, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

"We do not usually launch operations when there is an air of expectancy. When the news media are in the North and the terrorists' homes are empty, it's not exactly an invitation to an operation," Peres said.

Speaking to reporters during a visit to Tel Nof Air Base, Peres acknowledged the air force bad been restricted from massive retaliation due to political considerations. He said be was unable to anthorize a strike during last week's visit by US President Bill Clinton and the international conference on terrorism at Sharm e-Sheikh.

He said Israel's retaliation was also dependent on the weather, troop concentrations and intelligence, but warned Hizbullah that Israel had never changed its policy of retaliation. "He who tries to harm Israel will be punished, and very quickly," Peres said.

We have to negotiate not with arms, but with ideas. And we have to defend ourselves with arms because ideas are not sufficient. As long as we don't have a military solution we have the right and the need to take all the needs and measures to defend the lives of people on both sides of the frontier," Peres said. Depnty Defense Minister Ori

Orr meanwhile accused the media of exaggerating the tension in the North. He was also satisfied to hear Hizbnilah leaders had fled deeper into Lebanon. "It is clear that they will return, and it is certainly clear that the IDF will prepare an appropriate reception when they do," Orr said.

Orr made the comments during a visit yesterday at Beit Gavriel on the shores of Lake Kinneret where he met with the Jordanian Deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Tahsin Shourdum.

David Rudge adds: IDF and South Lebanese Army troops remained on high alert inside the security zone and along the northern border yesterday, despite a marked drop in attacks. Only two minor exchanges of fire, with no casnalties, were reported yesterday.

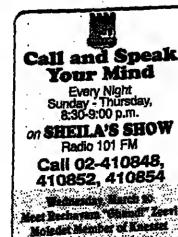
Lebanese radio stations also reported extensive flights by IAF warplanes and helicopter gunships over parts of south Lebanon yesterday, although there were no reports of any

Lebanese government officials have asked Egypt and the US to intervene and prevent Israel from carrying out any major operation.

David Makovsky adds:

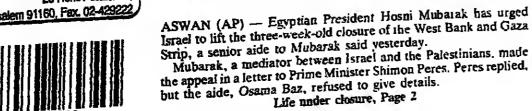
The US continues to talk with Syria and Israel to ensure both sides exercise maximum restraint in southern Lebanon.

US Ambassador Martin Indyk phoned Peres last night, reporting to him on US efforts with Syria to ensure that calm pervades in southern Lebanon. US diplomatic sources emphatically denied a television report last night that Indyk sought to prevent Peres from taking military action in southern Lebanon Monday night.



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The leaders of the new right-wing bloc share the stage yesterday (from left): Likud chairman Binyamin Netanyahn, Gesher's David Levy, and Tsomet's Rafael Eitan. At far right is Lod Mayor Maxim Levy. (Alon Ron/Israel Sun)

Netanyahu: Elections are referendum for peace

SARAH HONIG

LIKUD Chairman Binyamin Netanyahu told his party's central committee members last night that "the upcoming elections are a referendum on peace ... on whether we shall strive for peace with security or seek to make peace at the expense of security and, without security, end up with no peace, either."

Netanyahu maintained that "the Labor government had a chance to bring peace and we see the sort of peace it is. At each bus stop in Jernsalem we see two soldiers equipped with helmets, automatic weapons, and communications equipment and they stand there looking for peace,
"Perhaps it would come from behind or from

the side ... Car drivers avoid bases. I went to the mail to get a Purim costume for my son and was told it's not safe. Is this peace? ... We yearn for a peace of which we won't be afraid. Peace

is when girls from Tel Mond can go out for a day of fun in Tel Aviv without it being their last day, and when costumed boys can peacefully celebrate Purim in Dizengoff, and when passengers can get on a bus in the Katamonim and

reach the central terminal in one piece." Netanyahu noted that "during the 121/2 years preceding the September 1993 Oslo accords, Israel suffered 214 deaths due to terror, the intifada and the Scuds. In the two-and-a-half years since Oslo there were 214 dead in terrorist outrages. The Osio concept is what failed.
"Yasser Arafat cannot and does not want to

protect us. We must put our defense back in our own hands and give our security forces the freedom to hit where and when they deem right ... This will bave a deterrent effect."

He said the government he will form "on May 30 will talk to the Palestinians and offer them a fair arrangement. They will run their own lives. They deserve this ... But we will be the ones who will defend ourselves ... Peace with the Arabs begins with security for the Jews

The same is true now."

in territories under PA control is disproven.

... I know Labor is spreading the same scare propaganda as it did in 1977 when it warned that Menachem Begin would start a war. Begin protested against the notion that there are good Jews who want peace and bad Jews who don't.

In his own speech to the committee, MK Benny Begin offered to resign from the Knesset and not seek another term if his claim that Arafat and the Hamas have an understanding whereby Hamas may launch terror attacks against Israelis so long as this is not perpetrated

Israel preparing list of deportees

ISRAEL is preparing a list of Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists who are to be deported once all the legal barriers have been overcome, Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday.

"We are investigating what measures are best in order to prevent repetition of another act of suicidal terror," Peres said dur-ing a tour of the Tel Nof air base. "The list [of candidates] will

become known once we go through the military and legal checks," he said. "Whatever we do, we do with-

in the framework of Israeli law or the law which exists in the territories," Peres added.

ber of candidates was "not many," but included male family

A senior official said the num-

Planning Committee yesterday

approved the controversial plan

to build a new Jewish neighborhood at Har Homa in

south Jernsalem, on land

annexed to the city after the Six

Construction at the site now

awaits Interior Minister Haim

Ramon's approval. Ramon has

told associates recently that he

will give the go-ahead for the

project, despite sharp

opposition from the Palestinian

Ramon and Minister in the

Prime Minister's Office Yossi

Beilin had told Peace Now in

December that they would try to

delay the plan, but reversed

their decision after the Likud

made Jerusalem a major issue in

the upcoming election, charged

Peace Now activist Mossi Raz.

Peace Now called on Ramon

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members of suicide bombers. Security officials have pushed for deportations, and on Sunday Peres told the cabinet be felt deporting Palestinians linked to suicide bombers and blowing up the houses of families of suicide bombers were strong deterrents

As foreign minister, Peres did not support the deportation of 415 Hamas activists to Lebanon in 1992. That move brought worldwide condemnation on Israel and did little to harm Hamas.

Asked to where Israel planned to deport the Islamic militants, Peres said: "An interesting ques-tion. We should contemplate it."

Panel okays building

plans for Har Homa

BILL HUTMAN

Mubarak urges Israel to lift closure

Jerusalem.

was owned by Jews, although

the site borders several Arab

villages whose residents claim

the land. The new homes to be

built at the site are earmarked

for Jews, according to

Jerusalem municipal planners.

has been in the planning stage

for years, but was held up by

both opposition by the Jewish

and Arab land owners and

international pressure against

building a Jewish neighborhood

in areas annexed to Jerusalem in

Jerusalem sovereignty, Page 2

The Har Homa neighborhood

Israel Radio said dozens of Hamas and Islamic Jihad activists. some rounded up in the recent sweep, others already in jail, were on the list to be expelled. It also reportedly included the two brothers of Yehiye "The Engineer" Ayyash - as an attempt to bury the Ayyash myth.

Deputy Defense Minister Ori Orr said the government had already decided in principle to deport militants.

The legal system will check and if it is possible, it [the deportation] will be carried out," Orr

said on Army Radio. Speaking to reporters, Peres

said the closure was imposed for security considerations and was

not intended to "starve people or harm the innocent." He said Israel would take all the steps needed to ease the pressures on the Pal-estinians in Judea and Samaria and the Gaza Strip as long as it did not compromise Israel's security.

"This closure is not punishment. This closure is a security measure," Peres said. Yesterday the IDF continued

its sweep of Islamic militants and arrested seven more suspects. It also rounded up 38 men in Abu Dis and Eizariya for questioning. They were later released, the army said.

The army also lifted its ban on Israelis traveling to Jericho, Tulkarm, Kalkilya, Jenin and

US planning follow-up to anti-terrorism summit

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE Jerusalem District not to sign the plan on the ISRAEL received tentative nogrounds that the move "will burt tification yesterday that the US the peace process' and represents "discrimination will seek to convene a follow-up meeting on April 14 in Washington of the foreign ministers from 29 countries who attended the against Palestinians and preference for Jews in all that is Sharm e-Sheikh anti-terrorism related to building in conference last week, Foreign Ministry officials said. Most of the land at Har Homa

According to the conference's concluding document, a "working group" is charged with "preparing recommendations" and reporting back to the plenary within 30 days. Officials at the working level, including antiterrorism experts, will begin meeting in Washington on

March 28. Robert Satioff, executive director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said the document provided a forceful basis upon which to build a genuine anti-terror campaign. Apart from condemning terror unconditionally and singling out Israel as a country facing terrorism, he said the document marks the first time that such a wide array of Arab states, including Saudi Arabia, "publicly vowed to work together' with Israel to serve mutual security interests."

Furthermore, Satloff noted, by vowing that "instigators of [terrorism are brought to justice," the document sends a "powerful message that incitement of terror is itself a criminal act, on par with recruiting, arming, and funding the terrorists themselves."

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Likud okays pact with Gesher, **Tsomet**

A NEW right-wing electoral bloc was born yesterday after an enthusiastic Likud central committee overwhelmingly approved the joint ticket with Tsomet and Gesher.

The vote took place amid great excitement, with Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu escorting his new partners Rafael Eitan and David Levy through the rapturous throng to the podium.

It was a central committee session unlike any the Likud has ever known, with no disarray or acrimony.

The only jarring note was sounded by MK Ze'ev Begin in a powerful attack on the deals with Tsomet and especially with Levy. Begin called the agreements "a prize for disloyalty" and doubted they would improve the Liknd's electoral prospects. But Begin, who voted against the union, was obviously out of tune with the vast majority of the 3,600 central committee members who were in a clearly elated, celebratory mood.

The anditorium at the Tel Aviv Fairgrounds took on a carnival-like atmosphere in the afternoon when the delegates began to assemble and hundreds of primary candidates engaged in energetic campaigning replete with buttons, posters, flags, pins and flowers. Inside, the hall was decked in blue and white and a hnge banner reading, "Peace with the Likud."

Thousands of balloons floated up at the ceiling and each arrival was given a carnation and a sticker saying "The Likud - electoral upheaval 1996."

The stage was crowded with the leading party figures, including former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir, political matchmaker Ariel Sharon, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert, Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo, and MKs Tzahi Hanegbi, Uzi Landan, Begin, Moshe Katsav, and Yeboshua Matza.

Netanyabu sought to dissuade Begin from attacking the agreement earlier yesterday, but to no avail. "It is regrettable that those

who abandon comrades, ideas and frameworks are rewarded, while those who stay loyal are shunted aside. This is not only a bad example but exacts a price in real terms... no one likes to be a sucker...we are forming a trade union of 14 to 16 MKs who could hold us to ransom. We are handcuffing ourselves," Begin said. Begin reserved his sharpest

barbs for Levy's "movement with a social message but no

"The man who waves the banner of social reform demands the foreign affairs portfolio. This will no doubt mean care for the elderly in Kazakhstan, improvement in the bealth services of Snmatra and the eradication of the drug problems of Patagonia. Gesher's new social tidings will thus even reach far away Fiji to glorify the name of Israel," Begin said.

Begin was answered by Sharon, who said be initiated the union "following the cynical exploitation by Labor of the Rabin assassination, despite their unequivocal knowledge that the national camp had nothing to do with the reprehensible crime.

"I realized this was a dangerous emergency situation in which all personal issues had to be set aside. The entire national camp had to unite bebind Netanyahu, a clear platform had to be put together and we have to make our presence felt on the street...unafraid of threats and attempts to muzzle us."

When Netanyahu took the rostrum, the audience rose to its feet, climbed on the seats and welcomed him with tumultuons applause to the sounds of the 1992 Likud

election jingle. Though he shook Begin's hand after Begin's carping speech, Netanyahu also answered him. "We must learn from past experience and erect one giant tent for the entire national camp...there is a price, and it is difficult for me, too, but the price pales in comparison to what this failing

government's policy costs the citizens of this country." At this point, Eitan and Levy, who were waiting in a side room, made their way into the auditorium, embraced along the way by the crowds

which often seemed close to crushing them. With the jingle playing in the background, Netanyahn left the rostrum to shake their bands and escort All three were beaming broadly and Netanyahu

declared that "it wasn't easy for David and I to get over the past. But we know what really matters and we shall go forward with friendship and unity to bring this nation the tidings of bope, of peace with security." Nearly the entire committee membership raised their yellow

cards in favor of the joint ticket. The blue and white balloous then descended on the audience, flowers were handed to the three leaders and the audience joined in a thunderous rendition of

"Hevenn Sbalom Aleichem."

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"ALL the reports of plans to divide Jerusalem are false. There is no intention to divide the city," Prime Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday moroiog in a speech in his office to 50 mayors

from around the world. Peres later said at a visit to Tel Nof Air Base, "I want to stress that Jurusalem is not just united, but it also unites us all. We all are united in a clear decision to keep Jerusalem as a united city, as the capital of Israel and not the capital of two states. I do not see that there will be any change in those positions of ours."

Mesnwbile, researchers who worked on the report and Palestinian negotiators said yesterday that there is no reason to get worked up over proposals about Jerusalem's sovereignty, which both sides speculated had more to do with the election campaign than anything else.

Israel and the Palestinians can arrive at an agreement on Jerusalem by temporarily putting aside the question of sovereignty over the city, Prof. Ruth Lapidot, one of the authors of the controversial Foreign Ministry-commissioned report on Jerusalem, reaffirmed yesterday.

Lapidot's contribution to the report compiled by The Jerusalem Institute for Israel Studies, an analysis of how political and administrative power can he shared by Israel and the Palestinian Authority in Jerusalem, provides the central theme.

"My recummendation is that

18 injured at Amiad Junction

injured in a collision at the Amiad Junction in

All of the injured were taken by amhulance to

the Poriya Hospital near Tiberias.

the Galilee involving three private vehicles and

a minibus carrying workers yesterday afternoon.

Eighteen people were lightly to moderately

the matter of sovereignty be suspended for a certain time, and iostead both sides talk ahout ways to divide power," Lapidot said in an interview.

In layperson's terms, Lapidot is talking about the possibility of the PA and Israel dividing and sharing various responsibilities in Jerusalem in spheres ranging from education to policing.

Rami Friedman, the Institute director, said the report addressed a wide range of issues and gave not one overriding recommendation, but various ideas for the use of Israeli negotiators in talks with the PA on Jerusalem.

He said that he opposed officially releasing the report both because it was meant for decisionmakers and not the public, and because while several drafts were completed, s final report is still mooths from completion.

The PA is "open to any idea" on coming to an agreement on Jerusalem, as long as it is understood its basic demand is eastern Jerusalem be the capital of a future Palestinian state, Hassan Asfour, head of the PA Negotiations Department, said

Asfour said the study nn Jerusalem never reached his office. which coordinates talks with Israel for the PA, and he only learned of it through medis reports over

"Negotiations on the final status of Jerusalem must be con-

news in Brief

tiniao demand for east Jerusalem, as our capital," Asfour stated. "Those negotiations are not scheduled to begin until May, and until then it is a shame to try and conduct talks through the media."

"The whole issue of Jerusalem has now become a major theme of the Israeli election, of the fight between the Labor and Likud parties. This is not good. It only sparks incorrect rumurs and charges," Asfour said.

Khalil Tufakji, a leading Palestinian figure in Jerusalem involved in the academic talks on the city's future, also characterized the reports on the study as being politically motivated.

"There is nothing new I can see [in the Jerusalem Institute report,]" Tufakii said. "There are 600 scenarios about Jerusalem's future, this institute has its maps, another has its maps. I don't see anything new in it.

"[Jerusalem Mayor Ehud] Olment is trying to use Jerusalem to win the election for the Likud, by making all kinds of accusations about the government's plans [in Jerusalem,]" he said.

Lapidot, who served as the Foreign Ministry's legal advisor about 15 years ago, also said the report's significance had been blown out of proportion, apparently by politicians who were trying to use it as political fodder in the election campaign.

Arieh O'Sullivan contributed to



Meretz demonstrators protest yesterday against David Levy's deal with the Likud outside Beit Hahayal in Tel Aviv, where the Ga party formally named Levy to head the party.

Court upholds army's demolition orders against terrorists' homes

THE High Court of Juscice yesterday upheld the army's decision to destroy the houses of seven Hamas terrorists, saying this was nnt collective punishment, but an attempt to deter future suicide

The seven peditioners were the families of Ibrahim Sarahua, from the Fawar refugee camp near Hebron, who committed the Ashkelon suicide attack three weeks ago; Majid Abu. Warda, also of Fawar, who committed the first bus No. 18 bombing in Jerusalem the same day; Labib Azem of Kafr Karyut, who commined the Ramat Gan bus bombing last July: Sufiyan Jabarin. who committed the bus No. 26 bombing in Jerusalem last August; Abed el-Majid Dudin, who recruited Jabarin; Mohiadin Sharif of Beit Hanina, who gave Jabarin the explosives used in the attack; and Iman Seedar of Abu Dis, who recruited the terrorists who committed two attacks in late 1994: the shooting in Jerusalem's Nabalat Shivs neighbor**EVELYN GORDON**

hond and the snicide hombing opposite Binyenei Ha'nma in Justices Gavriel Bach, Mishael

Cheshin and Dalia Dorner unanimously rejected the petitions by the Sarahna, Abu Warda, Dudin, Sharif and Seedar families. "At least some criminals are likely to be deterred from com-

mitting crimes if they are aware

that this will endanger not unly their lives, but also their relatives' homes," wrote Bach. "The petitioners' suggested alternative, that the army destroy the terrorist's room only ... seems especially unconvincing when we are talking about suicide

With respect to the other two petitions, however - those of the Azem and Jabarin families -Doroer dissented from her colleagues.

All of the justices agreed that these two cases were more problematic, because in both cases the

attack in question occurred more than six months ago: the criminal's identity was discovered almost immediately; and the army issued a demolition order - but it then decided to suspend this order indefinitely, and only changed its mind in response to the latest wave of attacks.

Dorner said this made it clear that the houses were being destroyed not because of Azem's and Jabarin's acts, but in response to the acts of other criminals, committed six months later. This, she said, was illegal, because a bouse can be destroyed only in response to the acts of its inhabitants.

However, Bach and Cheshin said there was nothing wrong with the army suspending a demolitioo order in the hope that the security situation would calm down enough to enable it to do without such drastic deterrent measures, and then revoking the suspension when circumstances

If this option were not they said, the street would simply implement all sach orders immediately, for fear that later it would not be allowed to do so.

Cheshin added that since the

recent wave of attacks was perpetrated by the same organization -Hamas - Domer was incorrect in saying the two sets of criminals were unrelated to each other.

The justices also rejected the petitioners' request to be allowed to blow up the houses themselves. The state had argued that the deterrent effect depended in part on the IDF doing the demolitions, and the court said it saw no reason to intervene in this Program W

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The Association for Civil Rights in Israel blasted the decision, saying bouse demolitions were a violation of basic human rights, whose deterrent effect had not been proven, and which might increase camity toward Israel among the Arab population of the territories.

Clalit workers threaten strike Some 20,000 Kupat Holil Clalit workers were

due to launch a 24-bour warning strike this morning operating at a reduced Shabbat schedule in hospitals and community clinics around the country. The unioo is demanding implementation of a change in the calculation of Eli Malka steps down

Eli Malka, who intends to run as a Third Way candidate in the forthcoming Knesset elections, yesterday stepped down as chairman of the Golan Residents Committee after five years of leading the campaign to keep the region under Israeli rule. His place has been temporarily filled by deputy chairman Moshe Gorlik until new elections for the post are held.

pensions. Histadrut chairman Amir Peretz was

to meet last night at midnight with union

officials in an attempt to head off the strike.

Israeli Arabs aid 'starving' in areas

ISRACLI Arab leaders yesterday launched a campaign to collect food and medicines for blockaded residents of Gaza and the West Bank.

The campaign is being coordinated by the so-called monitoring committee of the Israeli Arab leadership which met in Shfaram on Monday and decided to launch the appeal.

Committee spokesman Hussein Suleiman said they had received reports that the situation among residents of the West Bank and particularly Gaza was

TWO dozen Israelis who own

fsctories in the Erez industrial

zone demonstrated by the Erez

checkpoint and blocked the main

road into Israel yesterday after

the army rejected most of the

2,000 Gaza workers who turned

On Monday the IDF said 2,000

workers could return to their jobs

at Erez, in an apparent easing of

the closure, but restricted work-

"Only 300 of our workers are

over 30, so we couldn't open for

work and sent them home," said

movement, Amana, is preparing

a program for greatly increased

settlement in Judea and Samaria

if the right wing wins the elec-tions. An outline of the program

ers to age 30 and above.

up for work.

"We have received dozens of phone calls, faxes and messages from residents in Gaza and the West Bank about the seriousness of the situation there," said Suleiman, who is head of Mash'had local council near Nazareth.

"From what we have been told the situation is very bad indeed, and we felt it our duty to help them by raising money and collecting essential commodities for them," he said. The committee was told that

the primary need was for basic

Erez factory owners protest lack of workers

products, including milk for ba-bies. and medicines, which were Gaza City's new high-rises, the all in very short supply because of the ongoing closure.

According to some reports from Gaza, some families are said to be on the point of starvation, despite the easing of the closure to allow in essential food

Suleiman said there would be somebody in Arab towns and villages throughout the country who would be responsible for coordinating the appeal and arranging storage until all the products could be transported by trucks.

Closure can't keep openness from Gaza

place does not look bad at all.

The dust, raw sewage and terrorists preparing human bombs are out of sight, replaced by a breezy beige Mediterranean City. Interspersed with patches of green, the high-rises stretch as far as the eye can see all the way down to the blue Mediterranean.

At ground level, you do not see how much building there has been in the past three yesrs. What predominates is the closure, unemployment, food shortages, the rubbish that has been left to rot in the absence of any effective collection system and fishing boats idle on the beaches.

But a revulution has been taking place. The new street uniform of teenage girls is denim jackets and denim skirts. They are as likely as not to dispense with the isharb (scarf) which covers their head. They almost look Israeli.

In Firani's cake shop oo Wahde Street, where three young ladies drink soda pop through straws and listen to Western pop with a touch of Arabic rhythm, it is clear why the future scares Is-

lamic fundamentalists. "Yes," says Lilian Diazada, 18. "Things have opened up bere mainly because people bave come from outside. Islamic Jihad and Hamas had an influence on the situation once, but not today. We are against the attacks and support the peace process. Nat that we want a completely open society. We want a society which is Islamic, but one that is not completely closed."

For these young women, the closure is not the one imposed by Israel, but the one imposed by Gaza's traditions.

Gaza bas been playing with more openness. Fundamentalists call it Western godlessness. Some things have stuck and some have not. The Regency Palace cinb opened a year ago to attract families eager to break the habit of the IDF's former 8 p.m. curfew. It closed because it attracted too many young singles.

But the closure which Israel has imposed will affect these teenagers who have grown up since the Oslo accords. As family

JON IMMANUEL

ders in Hebrew."

have scarcely enough to buy

comes from Egypt.

because they have does sniffing the flour at Erez checkpoint. People saw this so we sent it bsck," says emplayee Hamdi

Not everyone rejects it. "Yesterday's flour came from Israel. Usually we get 300 tons a day. Yesterday we got 50," says Eyman Habbousb, part owner of the Habboush Trading Co. "People were fighting over it and it

week closure, beginning after the Dizengoff bombing March 4. It began after the assassination of bomb-maker Yihye Ayyash on January 5, and just got worse this month. Shortages started in January. Pharmacists say they have not been able to get drugs for two months. "Nn analgesics (against headaches), nothing for hypertension and drugs for diabetics have been unavailable since January," says Khaled Ghazal, owner of the Al-Hanns pharmacy on Shubada (Martyrs) Street.

There is little aggressive posturing toward Israel, though. People say they are against the violence. The bomhings emharrass them. A customer in a greengrocer which sports a small picture of Ayyasb oo the cash register says, "In my opinioo he was foolish."

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

you are better off in a state of war when your emotions are geared to war" than in a state of peace in Why is his picture there. "A caswhich a closure [which Palestintomer put it there," says the man ians call a blockade or a siege] behind the register. can be imposed at will."

Hypocrisy? "It is more like This, he says, is his own partial schizophrenia," says psychiatrist lyad Parraj. "People have a loveexplanation of the suicide bombings. Islamic fundamentalists are hate relationship with Israelis. In blowing up the Israeli which they place of fathers who are weak, see developing in their fellow Palthey admire power. In games, estinians. To the fundamentalist children identify more with IDF this is self-abasement. "Without soldiers than with Palestinians. a sulha, there must be revenge." Palestinian police often give orhe says. And although she could pass

for an Israeli on any Tel Aviv He believes there has not been street, harebeaded 17-year-old a proper sulha, a formal act of Niveen Skaik, in her denim jackrepentance, by Israel for wronget and drinking her soda pop, barbors resentments, too. "We doing to Palestinians which Palestinians can then forgive and so do not hate Israelis. But they hate admit their own wrongdoings. That would break the cumity us," she says.

THE PALESTINIANS BETWEEN TERRORISM AND STATEHOOD...



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funds dry up, even a soda pop at Firani's will become a rarity. Firneighborhoods, according to the ani bas already cut the price of his Signature cakes. He has the flour, but no مكنامن الأجهل

was published yesterday in Ne-Amana intends to establish 12 settlement groups, most of which will set up new settlements, kuda, the settlers' magazine. Area C sites over which Israel bas The emphasis is on utilizing existing infrastructure to set up new though some will strengthen exneighborhoods in scores of exististing ones. The program calls for ing settlements and urban centers the Jewish population of Judea such as Betar, Ariel, Efrat, Alon and Samaria to be tripled to ap-

in deep sorrow we announce the passing of our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

JEWEL DEROVAN

Burial will take place on Thursday, March 21, 1996, at Eretz Hachaim cemetery, Beit Shemesh. at approximately 5:00 p.m., following the arrival of TWA flight no. 884. Shiva at 12/24 Rehov Parnas, Har Nof, Jerusalem (Tel. 02-6510020).

The Derovan family

JON IMMANUEL

Kobi Cohen, who runs a sewing factory called Kay Hatefer. "We are protesting this ridiculous policy, which permits workers to come and then doesn't allow them in," he said. "There is no security reason since all the workers pass through a security

from Gaza into Israel with a

10kg. opaque sack and an Arabic

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According to the article,

check and can't leave Gaza." Security at the Erez checkpoint looked anything but ironcled yesterday. This reporter walked self, although such a check had been routine in the past.

Meanwhile, Physicians for Hu-

man Rights yesterday complained that a Gaza resident. William Tarazi, was prevented from visiting his wife and their twoweek-old baby who is in critical condition in Jerusalem's Mokassed Hospital.

newspaper without once being

checked or asked to identify him-

"The refusal of the IDF to take the special circumstances into account is unforgivable," the physi-

Amana plans to triple number of settlers proximately half a million within the next four years. Amaoa secretary-general Ze'ev Hever stressed that the plan is based on building up existing settlements. New settlements would only be established in

> Hever said the bypass roads built following the Oslo Accords had turned many nearby settlements such as Adam and Psagot into neighborhoods of the

"The bypass roads unintentionally gave the settlements of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza a serious boost," he said.

The construction would be carried out by private entrepreneurs. The only government aid would be to grant regular mortgages to residents io the oew

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

one wants to huy cake when they

Shanti's pita bakery across the road is trying hard to keep prices steady. Fifteen pitot cost NIS 6 today, compared with NIS 4 a mooth ago. The flour he uses

"We rejected the Israeli flour

was gone in an hour."

No one talks about a three-

Why did so many people join his funeral? "He was killed. He was famous. Palestinians cao't resist a parade," be says sheepishly.

THE WEEKLY MEETING of the Eng-lish-speaking Jerussiem Rotary Club will take place today at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA, King David Street. 1) Students of the Study Exchange Group 2) Recipients of the Jarusalem Rotary Club Alicentions

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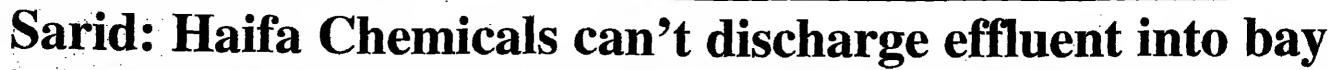
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ENVIRONMENT Minister Yossi Sarid yesterday rejected plans by the Haifa Chemicals plant to discharge toxic effluent via a pipeline from the factory directly

into the Haifa Bay.
Instead, he told the manage ment of the company, which employs over 550 people, to present new proposals for treating the effluent on land.

Sarid could in principle order the plant, which exported \$220 million worth of fertilizer prodnets last year, to be sbut down for not complying with environmental pollution laws.

In practice, however, he decided yesterday to give the firm more time to research the problem and find a suitable alternative that would keep it open and solve the pollution problem.

Chemicals spokesman said the firm had pledged to take all necessary measures to ensure that effluent disposal would meet even the strictest environmental regula-

"The chairman of the board, Arie Genger, has pledged to sub**DAVID RUDGE**

mit to a committee of experts appointed by the minister a technological land-based solution to the problem in the framework of a timetable that is to be agreed upon between the ministry and company," said the spokesman.

Part of this solution is likely to

involve the establishment of a \$2 million nitrates treatment unit at the factory complex.

in the meantime, however, the toxic effluent will continue to flow untreated into the Kisbon

Sarid's decision not to accept the pipeline to the sea plan was warmly welcomed by environ-mentalists, led by Greenpeace

DESPITE the apparent religious

fanaticism of the latest wave of

suicide hombers, religious

motivations are not the main

impetus for such terror acts,

according to Prof. Ariel Merari,

a Tel Aviv University expert on

Merari was speaking at a one-

lic transportation security orga-

nized by the Transportation

Ministry and attended by some

400 public transportation guards. Merari, who spoke about the profile of a suicide terrorist, said

that it is possible to construct two

such profiles: a demographic

profile based on the suicide

attacker's probable age, sex, fam-

ily status, place of residence.

and the Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel, as well as the fishermen's union.

This decision sets a positive precedent and puts Israel among the world's leading countries concerned with the protection of the environment, including the sea," SPNI spokeswoman Orit

Nevo said. "We don't want anybody to

'Religious fervor isn't main

motivation of bombers'

HAIM SHAPIRO

do we want fishermen to lose their livelihoods because the sea has become polluted.

"We bope that a solution can be found, but if not then the company should perhaps switch to the manufacture of different products which don't create such toxic effluent and waste," she



Attorney-General Michael Ben Yair congratulates his daughter, Dana, at the ceremony in which she received her Tel Aviv University law degree yesterday.

Program will allow pupils to take one matriculation

exam · BATSHEVA TSUR

HIGH school pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds will be allowed to take only one matriculation exam, and will not be forced to sti for them all. Education "Minister" Amulon Rubinstein announced yesterday.

Some 100 pupils bave already signed up for the program, called ing a visit to the Ort Singalovsky Technical College in Tel Aviv.

Among the participants are youngsters who have dropped out of high school, he said.

The program is designed to give

pupils, who do not plan to obtain a matriculation certificate, the chance to improve their selfimage and to belp them to adapt better in the army and at their jobs, Ruhinstein said.

Some 47% of the pupils at Ort schools throughout the country will take the matriculation exams this year, compared with 39% last year, Ort national director Yisrael Goralnik said. At Ort Singalovsky 94% of the 12th graders will be doing the exams, he said.

The minister inaugurated a center for helping pupils with learning disabilities at the school.

Kessar: Insufficient funds for guards for transport

THE NIS 40 million hudger for the public transport guard unit will only be enough to employ 425 of the 800 guards that were to be enlisted under the new safety plan, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar said yesterday.

Kessar, who was speaking at a gathering of the guards in Ramat Efal, said more funds would be needed to operate the unit in 1997. He told the guards that their job was not to replace policemen but to improve the personal security of the population. Itim

VARIATE DESCRIPTION NUMBER

East Jerusalem man gets 12 years for causing Ben Shemen accident

NEWS IN BRIEF

A Romanian worker was killed yesterday morning when he fell

IDF NCO hurt while fixing tank turret
A non-commissioned officer was moderately wounded Monday

afternoon in the South while working on the turret of a tank, the

The country's first and only bungee jumping facility, in which participants are to jump off a bridge 50 meters over the Jordan River, is due to open on April 4.

The facility is to be operated by Atrakteva, an adventure activity center at the Hamisba Bridge, near the Gadot-Gonen road in the

A group of workers from the center went to the US, where they

were trained in operating the facility by the North American Bungee Association (NABA). Haim Sh

Periodical association conference today

Per Mortesen of Norway, president of the International Federation of the Periodical Press (FIPP) is the guest of honor at

Culture and Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein is also

expected to attend today's conference in Givatayim. There are

some 700 local periodicals representing all sectors of the

the national conference of the 35 year-old Israel Association of the

IDF Spokesman announced. He was taken to the hospital for

him. Police and the Labor and Social Affairs Ministry are

off scaffolding at a construction site in Lod. He was declared dead on the scene after Magen David Adom personnel tried to revive

Romanian killed in work accident

Bungee jumping coming here

SHAHEEN Amru, 25, of east Jerusalem was sentenced to 12 years in jail and bad his license permanently revoked by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday. He was convicted of manslaughter for causing 10 deaths on October 24, 1995, on the Ben Sbemenverusalem road.

The sentence was the tonghest ever banded down to an individual convicted of a traffic offense. Amru fell asleep while driving "Bagrut I," Rubinstein said dur- a truck and subsequently crossed into the opposite lane, causing a

investigating the accident.

upper Jordan Valley.

crash that killed 10 people. He was convicted of driving with total disregard for the road conditions or the possible danger he might be causing.

He was convicted as part of a

plea-bargain agreement in which be confessed to the crime. The original indictment included a section indicating he bad been driving 14 bours straight on the two days prior to the accident, but this section was dropped as part of the plea-bargain agreement.(itim)

Beit She'an dig blocked by workers protesting firings

DAVID RUDGE

ANGRY workers burned tires and blocked the envance to the site of the ancient Roman city in Beit She an yesterday, defying a magistrate's court urder banning them from doing so.

on the archeological excavations, were protesting threatened cuthacks in the work force. Police persuaded the protest-ers to end the illegal demonstra-

The demonstrators dispersed, hus vowed to appeal the court decision which followed a petition from the National Parks

Histadrut's Beit She'an branch, said more than 100 people were employed at the excavations and dozens more did contract

program 12 years ago and has become one of the higgest places of employment in the area," Kahalo said.

those employed at the site have no other work options and would find themselves on the streets if He said the workers are

demanding a long-term program that would guarantee the site's continued development.

He said they also want to meet with Finance Minister Avrabam

Rosh Hodesh Nissan

The demonstrators, who work

tion, which prevented scores of tourists from entering the site.

Authority, which runs the site. Pinnie Kabalo, chairman of the

"It started as a job creation

"Now, we have been told that the Treasury is cutting funds to the Antiquities Authority and the NPA, which in turn is threatening the site with closure, or big cuthacks," he said. Kabalo noted that many of

the excavation was stopped.

education, and economic situation; and the psycbological profile outlining the terrorist's character, motivations, personal development, and

Although there are notable day national conference on pubexceptions, it is relatively easy to describe the suicide attacker's demographic profile, he said. The psycbological profile is far more difficult to evaluate. However, he added, it is possible to draw certain conclusions, and one is the surprisingly low importance of religion.

"[The suicide attackers] had

some other reason they wanted to die. Two-thirds of the suicide car

hombers in Lebanon were not Shi'ites," Merari said.

Merari said that an analysis of the factors influencing the suicide terrorist showed that the most important factor was the desire to commit suicide for personal reasons, not religious influences or ideological fanati-

In contrast with the accepted view, he said, they were people who wanted to kill themselves for purely personal motives and found a suitable framework for doing so within a terror organiza-

Merari said that terror organizations which execute suicide attacks actively seek out and

Dead prisoner's brother petitions decision not to press indictments against GSS **EVELYN GORDON**

THE brother of Abed el-Samad Harizat, who died last year as the result of being shaken during a General Security Service interrogation, yesterday petitioned the High Court of Justice against Attorney-General Michael Ben Yair's decision not to indict those responsible.

An investigation into the death found that several interrogators had shaken Harizat by holding the front of his sbirt, which is in line with GSS regulations. One, however, shook him hy the shoulders, which is against the regulations. Disciplinary charges were filed against this interroga-

However, Ben-Yair decided not to file criminal charges against

any of the GSS agents, for two

reasons.

First, while pathological reports said the death most probwhile ably resulted from Harizat's having been sbaken by the shoulders. this was not definite.

His hrain hemorrhage could also have been caused by one of the other shakings, or hy the cumulative effect of all of them. In his petition, Abdallah Harizat argued that the first reason was invalid, because Israeli law states that all participants in

The petition said these risks a crime can be tried for that crime as a unit, even if their degree of participation in the crime was

Ben-Yair's reluctance to try the agents, the perition charged, is due to the fact that all but one were following standard GSS

Regarding the second reason, the petition charged that while shaking may never have caused death during a GSS investigation before, it bas caused severe physical damage, so the agents should bave been aware of the risks they were taking.

could not be justified by the "ticking bomb" defense, even though Harizat was a Hamas member, and was being investigated for his possible knowledge of future attacks planned by the

Abeid appeals second Kikos conviction **EVELYN GORDON**

SULEIMAN Abeid, who was recently convicted of the rape and murder of Hanit Kikos in 1993, yesterday asked the Supreme Court to postpone implementation of his sentence until the court

rules on his appeal.
In 1994, the Beersheba District Court originally convicted Abeid of murdering Kikos, in a split decision. Last summer, however, while his appeal was being heard, Kikos's body was finally found in a different place than Abeid had confessed to hiding it. The

Supreme Court decided that this constituted a significant new plece of evidence, and therefore ordered the district court to conduct a new trial.

Last month, the district court reconvicted Abeid, again in a split decision. This time, bowever, the minority judge said he was acquitting Aheid not because there existed a reasonable doubt, but because he was

convinced of Abeid's innocence. Abeid then reappealed to the Supreme Court.

The appeal, also submitted yesterday, argued that the lower court was wrong to convict Abeid on the basis of his own confession, given that the location of the body contradicted the confession.

According to the defense, Abeid is emotionally disturbed, and gave a false confession in order to

please his interrogators. The confession itself, the appeal argued, is full of internal contradictions.

Weizman against strategic partner for Bezeq PRESIDENT Ezer Weizman for the US to meet with 300 financial analysts and discuss Bezeq's

voiced his opposition yesterday to a government decision to seek a strategic partner for Bezeq when its shares in the telecommunications company drop to 51 percent.

Weizman was on a tour of Bezeq facilities accompanied by Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, Bezeq Chairman Gurion Meltzer, and Bezeq Director-General Yitzhak Kaul.

Aloni agreed with the president, saying Bezeq's healthy financial and technological situation required reconsideration of the

decision, taken some time ago. Aloni also said the government should rethink its decision to reduce its holdings in Bezeq to a small majority of 51 percent. She praised the company as having "one of the world's most advanced administrative and technological capacities." Kaul did not voice his opinion on the idea of a strategic partner, hut in the past he bas said that if this is done, it would have to be

carefully considered. Weizman was especially interested in the company's plans to raise \$500-\$600 million, most of it to allow early repayment of debts to the government. Meltzer

and Kaul were to leave last night

activities before the international stock issue. The president visited Bezeq's 144 information service, a mobile satellite transmission station, and other telecommunications facili-

Using a videoconference sys-tem, Weizman conversed with Kiryat Shmona Mayor Prosper

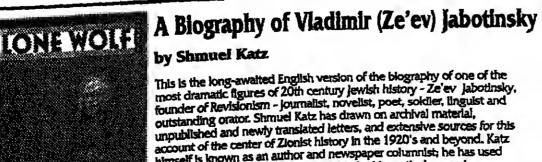
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SARAJEVO SARAJEVO, divided into warring communal ghettos four years ago almost to the day, became a united city again yesterday when Moslem-Croat authorities took control of the last district held by

A column of police belonging to the Moslem-Croat federation drove into the downtown Grbavica quarter of the Bosnian capital which Serbs vacated on Monday, in reluctant obedience to the Bosnian peace agreement.

They found widespread destruction caused by fleeing Serbs and a population shrunk to about 1,000 to 2,000 elderly residents who chose to stay.

"Last night was very danger-ous, today is like a rebirth." Abdulah Alibegovic, a 57-year-old Moslem, Iold reporters.

The Bosnian government has now recovered all five Serb sectors of the capital, but at the cost of heavy damage to Grbavica and Ilidza hy vengeful Serb nanonalists and the loss of all hut 10.000 of the former Serb population. The flight of the Serbs, spurred

by hardline political leaders behind the 31/2-year war in Bosnia, was a deliberate blow to the prospects for restoring a multi-confessional community between the country's Moslems, Croats and Serbs. "If anyone thinks this a success,

that would be rather silly." UN aid agency official Kris Janowski said. People who wanted Sarajevo Serbs to leave have achieved 85 percent of what they wanted."

Arson and looting which NATO peacekeepers and the international police were unable to prevent caused millions of dollars worth of

damage, according to Janowski. The federation police set up a



A Serb man cries as two Serbian women greet each other after entering Grhavica, a suburb of Sarajevo.

makeshift Grbavica headquarters in an abandon pizzeria after departing Serbs razed the old police station overnight.

Anxious to prevent a repetition of looting and intimidation of

"The position appears to be

clear that on the evidence, that

was not challenged, the plaintiff is

entitled to a divorce. His claim is

unanswerable and he is enotied to

the relief he seeks," the judge

The Mandelas are due to return

to court today to discuss Mrs.

Mandela's claim for half of her

husband's assets, which one oews-

The judge gave his ruling min-

paper estimated at \$10 million.

elderly Serbs by Moslem youths when Ilidza was handed over last week, the federation allowed only a few score former Grhavica residents to enter the district yesterday. The return of the Serb suburbs

utes after Mrs. Mandela sacked

ber advocate, Ismail Semenya,

and asked for a last-minute post-

told her she could either give evi-dence herself or call witnesses.

Eloff rejected her request and

She left the court immediately

after the ruling without looking

up. An expressionless President

Mandela gravely shook hands

with lawyers and court officials before leaving.

Mandela began proceedings to end his 38-year marriage to

Winnie, 61, after separating from

her in 1992 following his release

from jail where he had spent 27

years for his fight against white

ponement to hire a new one.

Mrs. Mandela did oeither.

is due to be followed today by the withdrawal of 4,500 Bosnian government army troops from the center of Sarajevo, but NATO said it saw no sign that any had left. Janowski said the UN and

NATO were also having difficulty in ensuring the return of Moslem civilians to their homes in northem Bosnia despite the approval of a Serb court in Banja Luka.

150 confirmed dead in Manila disco fire

MANILA, Philippines (AP) - Revelers in the packed Ozone Disco Pub saw electric sparks and smoke moments before the disco went pitch black. When they realized there was only one way out, they stampeded,

At least 150 died, charred so hadly that families and loved ones sorted through jewelry, makeup kits and shoes yesterday in hopes of identifying the bodies. The heat was so intense that some bodies were fused together.

City safety engineer Alfredo Macapugay said the perular disco had been approved for

said the popular disco bad been approved for use hy only 35 people, but was packed with -350 customers and 40 staff when the fire broke

-Many of the customers were young people celebrating the end of the school year. Many survivors said the fire appeared to have beguo in the disc jockey's booth, but some radio reports said a fuel tank in the kitchen may have

It was the country's worst fire and the worst nightclub fire worldwide since a hlaze killed 164 in Keotucky io 1977.

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter)

Nelson Mandela was granted a

divorce yesterday from his tempes-

tuous wife Winnie after a hearing

in which the aging South African

president had to reveal his person-

"I grant a decree of divorce

between the parties," Judge Frikkie

Eloff said after two days of evi-

dence that included charges that

Winnie had cuckolded the 77-year-

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old liberation movement leader.

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al sorrow from the witness stand.

Firefighters worked with their bare hands to gingerly separate the burned bodies. Many were so overwhelmed by the task that they had to stop and share sips of gin.

Hours after the fire, which began shortly after midnight Monday and was extinguished about two hours later, only 16 of the dead had

been identified. The disco's original fire exit had been blocked by a new building built next door, investigators said. The cause of the fire was under invesogation, but authorities said survivors saw electric sparks and the nightcluh's

acoustic foam insulation had ignited. Disc jockey Marvin Reyes said he saw flames catch the hair and clothes of screaming

Some of the customers were crushed by the disco's falling roof. Others rusbed to escape through the only exit, a narrow front corridor. where the bodies piled up waist-deep and dozens were trampled to death.

President Fidel Ramos visited the disco.

Mandela wins divorce from Winnie

for inspections of entertainment facilities to ensure they observe building codes. Club and restaurant operators often find it cheuper to bribe local officials than honor building regu-

lations, safety officials say.
Ramos said the disco's four owners would be arrested if they did not appear voluntarily for

Hermilo Ocampo, one of the owners, denied any blame, saying the disco was issued a fire safety certificate by the Bureau of Fire

The fire destroyed what was to have been a joyous celebration of the end of the school year. The Ozone Disco Poh was popular among college students, and several graduation parties were going on when the fire began.

"We went to celebrate the last day of school," said Susan Capuslan, 17. "We were lucky to be seated near the exit. "Suddenly the lights went out. I thought it

rassment as a result of the brazen public conduct and infidelity of

had been forced to reveal the

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the defendant."

Year after Japan subway attack, several key suspects still at large

TOKYO (AP) Their photos hang from just about every police station, post office and public hillboard in the country. Strings of electric lanterns bear their likeness, and police have sought help overseas to track them down.

Soll, four key suspects in the nerve gas attack on Tokyo's submuters a year ago today have yet to be found,

"Every day before going to work, we check out the train stations just in case," said a Tokyo police officer who, like several colleagues interviewed demanded anonymity. "The whole force is

on the lookout." The fugitives three men and one woman are suspected of having played central roles in the subway anack, the deadliest in a string of crimes linked to the Aum Shinri

Kyo, or Supreme Truth, cult. One of those crimes was the near-fatal shooting of Japan's top police official 10 days after the subway attack. The gunman never has been idenofied, and is suspected to be at large as well.

The charges against the four suhway-gassing fugitives vary from harboring criminals to murder or attempted murder. Three more Aum members are sought for allegedly trying to release poison gas in a failed assault on Tokyo's busiest train station last May.

Police believe all seven may have helped carry out at least some of other crimes blamed on the cult, including a 1994 nerve

China castigates US over 'brazen' show of force

BELIING (Reuter) - China blasted and Taiwan. the United States yesterday for what it called a "brazen show of force" in the region, even as it stepped up war games aimed at cowing rival Taiwan into giving up its drive for higher internation al status.

China told the United States to stop immediately actions it said heightened tensions in the Taiwan Strait, namely the dispatch of US naval battlegroups headed by the aircraft carriers Nimitz and Independence to waters off Taiwan.

Washington for its part warned Beijing of the high economic risks it was taking, saying its threaten-ing tactics towards Taiwan could hinder renewal of US trade privileges worth hillions of dollars annually.

Following up on missile tests which ended last Friday and a round of war games that began last Tuesday. China launched a new round of large-scale military drills in coastal areas provocatively close to Taipei-ruled islands in the narrow strait separating China China's army pounded a deserted Chinese island with artillery fire in a dawn mock battle on

Tuesday to capture it, shaking local Chinese residents with the rattle of gunfire. We heard artillery as we ate breakfast," a farmer said by tele-phone from southeastern Turian province's Pingtan island, com-

mand post of the involving the mand post of the involving the army, navy and air force.

But Taiwan's Defense Ministry said it had detected little movement of jet fighters and warships around Pingtan, which has been

shrouded in fog for some days.

Chinese state media said
China's current war games and
those held over the last year had
given "clear proof" the People's

Liberation Army is now capable of fighting a modern war.

The PLA has carried out an all-round reform of military training, which has greatly improved capabilities in weaponry, military quality and defense and fighting capabilities in modern war situa-tions." Xinhua news agency said.

Russia presses on with attacks in western Chechnya

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian troops hattered rebel positions with artillery yesterday in efforts to drive separatist fighters out of western Chechnya, but faced new charges that they have attacked civilians.

Russian news agencies quoted officials at the military command in the Chechen capital Grozny as saying troops had maintained a siege of rebel strongholds in and around the western villages of Samashki, Bamut, Stary Achkhoi and Orekhovo.

Rusian Martagov, press secretary for Chechnya's pro-Moscow administratioo, said the Russian

forces had taken control of Samashki after a four-day assault.

But Interfax news agency said later that the rebels still controlled still shelling areas around the vil-lage in the late afternoon. The federal forces are carrying out artillery strikes on the outskirts of the village and on groups of fighters," Interfax said. Interfax said leaders of

Samashki. 30 km west of Grozny.

It quoted as unnamed official in the Chechen administration as

saying the Russian forces were

Chechnya's recently revived pro-Moscow parliament had issued a declaration criticizing the Russian forces' conduct during the 15mooth-old conflict.

The presidium of the regional Supreme Soviet, or parliament, accused the Russian troops of killing civilians and looting. It urged President Boris Yeltsin to do more to protect civilians.

WORLD BRIEFS

Turkey, Egypt agree to keep Iraq united ASWAN, Egypt (AP) - Egypt and Turkey, two important regional powers, promised yesterday to oppose any effort to divide Iraq. The pledge came during a news conference by President Suleyman Demirel of Turkey and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, who met at this southern resort during Demirel's last stop oo a Mideast tour.

"We have oothing to do with the Iraqi border," Demirel said. "We Demirel said Turkey, like Egypt, would safeguard fraq's unity,

despite its war with the Kurdisb rebels. Egypt, too, has insisted that Iraq should not be divided and that any change in the country must come from within.

Teenagers beat Moscow policeman to death MOSCOW (AP) - Five Russian drunken teenagers have been arrested after brutally beating a policeman to death, a news report said yesterday.

The body of 44-year-old Maj. Yuri Ganyushkin, a senior police official, was found late Monday in the courtyard of an apartment building in northern Moscow, the Interfax news agency reported. Ganyushkin's head, rihs and and feet all had been badly beaten, the agency said.

Twenty minutes after Ganyushkin's mangled body was recovered, five teenagers ranging from 13 to 16 years old, were arrested in the courtyard. All of the teenagers were intoxicated. In Russia, children over the age of 14 can be tried on murder

Ganyushkin was the the fourth Moscow policemen to have been murdered since the beginning of the year.

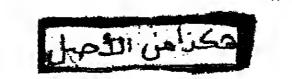
Egyptian police detain 13 in crackdown

CAIRO (AP) - Police picked up 13 suspected Moslem militants. some wanted in attacks on a mosque and video shops, in a crackdown yesterday in Cairo and five provioces.

Three suspects were arrested while entering Egypt from the Red Sea ports of Nuweiha and Suez. Police declined to say where they came from, but sources, speaking oo condition of anonymity, said they had been living in Yemen and Saudi Arabia.

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The Jerusalem Post Clergy debates the politics of Islam

EVENTEEN years into Ayatollah Khomeini's Ayatollah Islamic revolution, widespread corruption, economic mismanagement and abuses of power have provoked an unprecedented debate within Iran's clergy over the merits of mixing Islam and

Seized by the deepening fear that Islam is becoming tainted in the eyes of the people, several leading ayatollahs have stepped up criticism of the regime and called for an end to the absolute rule of Islam over the people on which the current regime is based.

Of these, the Grand Ayatollah Montazeri, acknowledged to be among the country's leading spiritual figures who has a strong grass-roots following among radicals, remains the greatest thorn in the side of the regime.

From his seminary in Qom, where he has been under virtual house arrest for years, Montazeri designated Khomeini's successor before falling out with him, allegedly over which of them bad stronger religious credentials has openly accused President Ali Akbar Rafsanjani and his government of-moral and material corAMBERIN ZAMAN TEHERAN

The religious debate was further fueled by Abdolkarim Soroush, a prominent Islamic thinker and university lecturer, whose works highlight contradictions in the Islamic constitution, which does not make clear whether the republic draws its legitimacy from the people or God.

Soroush has been obliquely hinting at a need to reform the system so that Khomeini's successor as spiritual leader, Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei, could relinquish his quasi-polincal status in favor of a purely constitutional role, and allow secular politicians to run the country.

Not surprisingly, Sorousb bas roused the ire of key clerical figures who feel threatened by his views. They include Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, a frequent speaker at Friday prayers in Teheran and a member of the influential Council of Constitutional Guardians. He bas denounced Sorousb as a traitor who has been sowing discord when internal unity is needed to confront the "Great Satan," the US.

For the clergy, far more than Islam's reputation is at stake. Some 70,000 clerics rely on voluntary religious taxes for their survival and clout - a complex system which, unlike in other Islamic countries, has enabled the Shi'a clergy to exert a political

"Now the people have to watch the mullahs ride around in flashy Mercedes, while they live off just tea and bread," said a prominent Teheran economist, who had good cause to ask not to be named.

An Iranian writer, Ahhas Maarufi, was sentenced last month to 20 lashes and six months in jail and banned from writing for two years over works he wrote denouncing government corrup-

In an apparent bid to staunch the rising chorus of dissent, the government recently ordered the banging of a businessman convicted of embezzling \$22 million from a local bank. Others involved, including Morteza Rafiqdost, a brother of the powerful head the Foundation for the Deprived and War Disabled - who is himself under investigation for fraud – are in jail. (The Daily Telegraph)



Iraqls display their goods at a street bazaar in the center of Amman yesterday. Jordan's Interior Ministry will begin implementing new measures concerning Iraqi nationals residing in Jordan, estimated at approximately 150,000.

Sudanese press forthright in criticizing government

HARTOUM'S independent newspapers are pushdent newspapers of freedom to the brink of subversion in totalstarian Islamic Sudan.

:: Day after day, and especially in campaigning for this month's presidential and parliamentary elections, writers have challenged the very legitimacy of the government and pulled to shreds its handing of foreign and domestic poli-

With a frankness rare in the Arah press, they have granted extensive coverage to views completely at wariance with those of Islamist deaders trying to mobilize the Sudanese public behind what they claim is a new vision of society. -Even the two newspapers which have not shied away to have not shied away to have issues, sweetening large doses of official propaganda with spoon-fuls of alternative opinion.

The government newspaper Alvox-populi articles on the elections, gave space to people who thought the whole exercise was a waste of time and all the candidates were unfit for office.

This reality might come as a sur-prise to the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Sudan, whose report for 1995 paints a bleak picture of press freedom in the country.

"There's plenty of freedom. Look at this article - it's by a communist lawyer who's been in and out of detention and it's hard-hitting," said Ahmad al-Bilal al-

Tayyeb, the dynamic editor of the best-selling political daily, Akhbar al-Youm_

The article, typical of the material lapped up by the highly politi-cized Sudanese middle classes, undermines in careful, measured prose the very foundations of the political system on which the electoral process is hased.

"I get angry phone calls from people tied to the government. They are based on dialogue, not on diktat. Sometimes they tell me not to publish something but I go ahead anyway," Tayyeh said. The degree of freedom is less than it should be but it's much better than nothing."

"Sudan is much better in this respect than its Arab neighbors. [Opposition leader] Sadeo al-Mandi has said so himself and any Arab would agree said Mohammed Zakaria, head of the news department at Al-Rai al-Akhar, an independent paper which celehrated its first anniver-sary on March 12. Like Sudan's big political parties, which have risen from the ashes of each suc-

proved difficult to suppress. 'It's the nature of the people. Don't forget that they have staged two successful uprisings in less than half a century, which is a pret-

cessive military dictatorship, the

Sudanese urge to publish has

ty good record," said Zakaria.
The first years after the military coup of 1989 were indeed lean years for the newspapers but a new press law in 1993 opened the gates to some independent and

aggressive reporting.

Tayyeb and 11 other investors gathered together, raised the minimum capital of 15 million pounds (now about NIS 45,000), applied for a license and began publishing

in August 1994.

The newspaper now sells 30,000 copies a day and Tayyeh reckons that at least 10 people read each copy. The numbers are tiny hut distribution to most places is impossible, literacy is low and under the government's free-market policies newspapers are expensive at 200 pounds (ahout 60 agorot) a copy.

Akhbar al-Yourn articles have told President Omar Hassan al-Bashir that he is too dependent on the Moslem Brotherhood and that he must broaden his power base. In foreign policy, it has told him he is unwise to antagonize Egypt.

The picture is by no means all rosy. The authorities made the independent paper Al-Sudan ol-Davilio close in 1993 on the grounds that some against the country's interest.

Al-Rai ol-Akhar was suspended for two weeks on a technicality: that it failed to tell the authorities that someone was standing in for the editor, who was ahroad. Maybe they had reasons of which we are not aware." said Zakaria.

"We do practice self-censorship sometimes. But the Sudanese yearn for freedom and to express their opinions. Anyone who rules Sudan soon finds that out."

Syria loses ground in Turkey's favor It will then be almost impossible for

Y absenting itself from the Sharm e-Sheikh anti-terrorism summit, Syria crossed several invisible red lines.

Though it may not be too late for President Hafez Assad to backtrack, his inaction may return the regime to a state of isolation. Unlike the past, the seclusion will have not only political significance hut military implications too.

Up until the Gulf war, most Arah states had distanced themselves from Syria, Iran's only Arab ally: the rest of the Arab world had in general taken Iraq's side in the Iran-Iraq war. In conquering Kuwait, which had been one

of Saddam Hussein's major financial hackers in his eight-year war against Iran, Saddam betrayed his former Arab allies and eased the way for Assad to be accepted again among Arah ranks.

Assad's readiness to join the war coalinon against Saddam strengthened his ties with the US.

is now changing. Iran is again cast in

PINHAS INBARI

the role of bad guy, sponsoring suhversion not only in Israel but in many pro-American Arab countries too, such as in Egypt and the Gulf.

It has been noted before that Syria has been conducting policies which many observers believe are inimical to its own interests, main-

because of the rigid mentality of its leader-Ohjectively, Syria's main national interest should be focused on its borders with Turkey and Iraq. Any Syrian government behaving logically would avoid being clamped in a double front - Israel to the fore, Turkey to the rear.

Syria opted to stick with its ally Iran even as Washington began to mobilize world opinion against Teheran.

Sheikh summit. This is the price Assad paid for his absence. If Assad insists in pursuing this policy, an Israel-Turkey alliance may develop to replace the Israel-Syria track of the Middle East peace

But already he has lost points to Turkey. President Suleiman Demirel was the most outspoken supporter of Israel's ideas on confronting terrorism expounded at the Sharm e-

Damascus to resist Turkey's completion of the

vast water projects in Anatolia which will

deprive Syria of huge quantities of Euphrates

river water. Regional economic programs once

earmarked for Syria will be diverted to joint

Assad still has every opportunity to cut his

It will be intriguing to wait for the outcome

of elections in Israel to gauge his reaction to

whatever new realities emerge in Israel.

Israeli-Turkish enterprises.

ties with the mullahs.

This contradictory approach to the "Syria track" may now soon become visible on the ground.

Legality of warrant for Iranian minister doubted legal basis for the arrest warrant,

HE arrest warrant issued by Germany for Iran's intelligence chief is legally questionable, the chairman of parliament's interior affairs committee

The chairman, Willfried Penner, said members of foreign governments enjoy exterritorial immunity and therefore cannot be prosecut-

In a highly unusual move, the Federal Prosecutor's Office last week issued an arrest warrant for Ali Fallahiyan, Iran's minister of intelligence, because of the alleged political assassination in Berlin. Penner, a member of the opposition Social Democrats, said

Fallahiyan could not be arrested on German soil if he had been invited to the country by the government. Because of the questionable

Penner said he was surprised by its timing.

But he nevertheless welcomed the warrant, saying, "Terrorist acts in the name or with the tolerance of n foreign government" cannot be

GCC criticizes Iraq, Iran; praises peace

THE Gulf Cooperation Council states this week crincized Iraq and Iran and praised Middle East peace efforts. A statement issued after a regular foreign ministers' session of the six-nation GCC referred to the suspicious behavior of the Iraqi regime on eliminating its weapons of mass destruction."

The GCC members - Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain - called on the international community to "continue the pressure" until Iraq complies with UN reso-

On Iran, another country the GCC views with suspicion, the statement expressed concern over Tehran's recent "consolidation" of its occupation of three strategic southern Gulf islands claimed by the United Arab Emirates.

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Iran earlier this month opened an airport on the island of Abu Musa. The other two disputed islands are Greater and Lesser Tunhs. All three dominate the approaches to the Strait of Hormuz, the mouth of

The GCC called on Iran to accept arbitration by the International Court of Justice to settle the dispute.

The GCC meeting also praised Middle East peace efforts and called on the US and Russia. cosponsors of the Madrid peace conference, to convene a follow-up meeting to "evaluate the results of the process."

The statement called on Israel to lift the closure of the Palestinian

autonomous territorics, but it con-

demned terrorism. The ministers called for intensified efforts to remove obstacles hindering progress in Israeli-Syrian peace negotiations and expressed hope for movement on the Lehanese-Syrian track.

In Bahrain, the US Embassy meanwhile issued a new security alen on political violence after two bomb attacks on restaurants.

"Incidents and bombings in public places continue, including two firebomb attacks on public restaurants. These anacks were intended tu kill Asians and Westerners, callers to the embassy's security hotline were told.

The risk to personal safety, therefore, has increased," said the message. "However, there are no reports of specific threats to Americans.

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Lebanese acquittal of

HE US this week expressed astonishment at the acquittal of twu Palesinians tried for involvement in the 1976 murder of US ambassador Francis Meloy, an embassy counselor and their Lebanese driver.

Meloy and economic counselor Robert Waring, who were found dead hours after being seized at a militia checkpoint in Beirut, were among the first of many US vic-tims of Lebanon's 1975-90 civil

The US embassy received with astonishment and deep disappointment the final decision of the court in the case of the kidnap and murder of the former US ambassador Francis Meloy, embassy economic counselor Rubert Waring and Lebanese driver Mohammed Moghrabi."

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embassy said in an official state-

"We had hoped it would be an occasion to show that law was unce again ruling in Lebanon and that Lebanon is no longer a place where terrorists seek refuge," the statement added.

The Court of Cassation, Lebanon's top appeals court, acquitted two former terrorists of involvement in the murder. It took no decision in the case of a third who is still on the run. The three are former members of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Meloy. Waring and their driver were stopped at a PFLP checkpoint and driven off by their captors. Their bodies were found hours later on a beach in Moslem (Reuter) west Beirut.

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Loud talk, little action

T would be stating the obvious to say that persuasive arguments can be made for concessionary policies, which assume goodwill on the part of enemies, and that equally strong arguments can be made for security-oriented policies, which treat evidence of such goodwill with skepticism. But it is difficult to find merit in a policy which seems to consist of little more than warnings, threats, and saber-rattling.

This is true everywhere, but it is particularly pertinent in the Middle East. The region is not famous for restraint, soft talk, generosity of spirit and reasoned rhetoric. On the contrary, such qualities are viewed not as a sign of maturity and strength but as symptoms of indecision, timidity and fear. But even softness is treated with less derision than vain bluster.

It was not long ago that Israel preferred to advertise less and do more, leaving to its Arab adversaries the threats and promises of death and destruction. Now there seems to be an unfortunate drift toward emulating these dangerous habits.

The "war" the government has declared on Hamas and Islamic Jihad seems to be focusing not on search and destroy missions aimed at apprehending the organization's leadership, but on defensive measures such as electronic fences in vulnerable areas along the Green Line.

As a result, the Palestinian population can move freely between its own major centers and infiltrate into Israel, while the Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria are becoming more isolated and less protected. The iron fist has turned into a meek crawl back to the discredited "Fortress Israel" concept, which envisions an impossible separation between Arabs and Jews in this country. It is a policy which most certainly does not radiate resolve and strength, nor does it constitute a threat to Hamas's popularity on the Palestinian street.

Similarly, Israel has repeatedly announced that the situation on the Lebanese border is intolerable. The sophisticated guerrilla warfare against the IDF and the South Lebanese Army has become relentless, exacting an ever-increasing toll, and Israel's reluctance to respond in force has caused a demoralization in the SLA.

To limit the army to passive, reactive responses - a strategy which contradicts traditional Israeli fighting doctrine - is bad enough. To keep threatening a large operation against Hizbullah without carrying it through is worse. It destroys what is left of Israel's deterrence capability. If the decision is to yield to American pressure and avoid rocking the "peace process" boat, so be it. But let the rhetoric match

Gunboat democracy

T would not be unreasonable to suspect that Taiwan's presidential election campaign has irked China as much as its alleged bid for independence from the mainland. While most of the world community concedes that legally and territorially China is correct in labeling the current shenanigans in the China Sea an "internal affair," there is something less than edifying in the spectacle of a dictatorial bully intimidating a democratic election process with a show of military force.

In the words of US Defense Secretary William Perry yesterday: "The Chinese simply don't understand ... how democracy works and what it takes to influence a democracy." The campaign to intimidate Taiwan is just the latest example of the Chinese government's failure to understand not only foreign democracies, but their own kin who have acquired a taste for the democratic process. Beijing continues to adopt a belligerent attitude towards the people of Hong Kong, even though the return of that territory has been agreed fairly and squarely in a comprehensive treaty with Britain.

There is no doubt many Chinese in Hong Kong and Taiwan would like to welcome reunion with their natural homeland. They do not welcome the sour-faced dictators of Beijing seeking to impose their corrupt and discredited hegemony upon them by force or diktat. It is easy for the Chinese government to label Taiwan a renegade province as if that were the full story. The reality of course is that the island became the last refuge for those Chinese who chose not to live under the appalling decades of genocidal communism forced on the mainland by the megalomaniac Mao Zedong.

Certainly, for most of those decades, Taiwan was no shining example of democratic freedoms. Its rightwing rulers almost mirrored the extremism of the communists across the bay, although they did provide their people with economic progress rather than famine and cultural revolutions. But Taiwan has evolved and matured and the present election campaign. which President Lee Teng-hui is expected to win, sets a commendable seal on that maturity. As Perry said, China's planes and missiles are not the way to persuade a democratic Taiwan to advance on the road to reunion.

What might persuade the Taiwanese to do so would be some sign that China itself is prepared to mature and advance along the road to democracy. Apologists for China's continuing intransigent communism usually cite its recent economic growth as first steps in that direction. This is a tired thesis that cannot stand against Beijing's human rights record, its suspected export of nuclear weapons technology, its copyright piracy, its use of prison labor for export products, its pervasive corruption, its market protectionism, - and now it's arrogant use of force to bully Taiwan.

The United States is to be applauded for sharply reminding the secretive mandarins of Beijing that it is willing to stand up to bullies. This commitment has proved highly welcome to the developed and developing states of the region - from Australia to Japan and Korea.

The simple truth is that it is China which should be learning from Taiwan's exercise in democracy, rather than seeking to impose its own discredited system on the island. The US military presence should help to drive that message home. But it seems that for all their economic posturing, the successors of Mao have not moved one iota from his dictum that power comes from the barrel of a gun.

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What's in a name?

HAT has Yasser Arafat done to ease the suffer-ing of unemployed Palestinians in Gaza and Nablus? He has berated Israel for closing its doors to the thousands of workers from these areas who until recently earned their living by working in our huilding and agriculture sectors.

And how has be repaid Israeli help in raising funds internationally for the Palestinian Authority? By provocatively calling the Nablus area "the northern district of Filastin in an infringement of the Osio agreement.

Is Arafat so short of problems? Is nomenclature his most urgent priority? He could, on the "Gaza district" pattern, have called the area around Nablus "the Nablus district," and around Jericho and Ramallah "the Jericho district." But it seems he prefers to call all the areas that comprised the West Bank of the Kingdom of Jordan "the northern districts of Filastin."

That Arafat is striving for a Palestinian state is hardly a secret, but no such state can come into being before negotiations with Israel on the permanent settlement. By employing the name "northern districts of Filastin," surely Arafat is putting the cart before the horse?

It is, of course, far simpler for the PLO leader to offer hungry Palestinians circuses instead of bread, playing around with words rather than providing his people with a living.
We haven't forgotten how

Arafat ordered Palestinian laborers not to work in Israel during the 1970s, or how armed Fatah gangs set afire buses waiting to carry Palestinians to jobs in Israel.

Now that same Fatah leader is comparing Israel's self-protective closure of the territories to the 1982 siege of Beirut.

It is the easiest thing in the world for him to instruct the Arab press to stop using the name "Hussein Bridge" and replace it with "Karameh Bridge," thus stealing credit from the Jordanian army for its infliction of losses on the IDF in the 1968 battle of Karameh.

Arafat actually fled from the Karameh camp when the IDF came on the scene. And, anyway, MOSHE ZAK

be doesn't control the Hussein Bridge (better known as the Allenhy Bridge). It is under joint Israeli-Jordanian control, and the agreement between Israel and the PLO allows for only a limited

Palestinian police presence there. But the PLO leader is a practiced usurper, as far as names are concerned at least. He has also changed the name of Atarot Airport, which is totally under Israeli control, to "Al-Quds Airport.

Arafat must have heard of the

'Northern districts of Filastin' is an Arafat maneuver to establish faits accomplis before an agreement

mounting tension between the People's Republic of China and Taiwan, that mighty China is threatening to use military force to prevent Taiwan from declaring its independence, even though it is, for all practical purposes, already independent.

But Arafat isn't exactly shaking in his shoes over this news; he knows that the Jews won't allow a crisis to crupt over mere semantics. And he was out to prove it this week with his "northern districts of Falastin" proclamation. It is Israel's reaction to this that

will determine how Arafat proceeds in his bid to declare the establishment of his Palestinian state (Filastin) before any final agreement with Israel

ARAFAT is clearly relying on Israel to explain to both Israelis and Palestinians that it doesn't really matter what name he chooses to give anything because, in the end, it is Israel that has the strength. It is true that we can at the

moment enforce sanctions following the more flagrant infringements of the Oslo agreement; but once we pull out of Hebron, and after the IDF evacuates the rural areas, Israel's bargaining power will be greatly reduced.

Thanks to the closure of the territories, Israel has been able to exert pressure on the PA to arrest terrorists intending to carry out attacks in Israel. But these terrorists, mostly from the small Islamic Jihad organization, haven't been extradited to Israel. And among the men taken into PA police custody there are no active leaders of Hamas's military wing, which Arafat has hesitated to confront.

Thanks to the delay in evacuating Hebron, the PA has changed its stand on terror. But where is the guarantee that once the pressure is gone the PLO won't abandon its current line?

This is the perspective from which Israel ought to be judging Arafat's promise to convene the Palestinian National Council for the purpose of amending the Palestinian Covenant.

The date for the council's convention has indeed been advanced, to speed up Israel's evacuation of Hebron. But if Israel declares itself satisfied with the arrest of terror planner Mohammed Dief and goes ahead with the evacuation, it will have lost the bargaining power to press for changes in the covenant.

The Palestinian leadership has already begun to come up with all sorts of preconditions for convening the council. More than that, it is demanding that the evacuation of Hebron and the release of Palestinian prisoners held by Israel take place first.

Arafat's proclamation of the "northern districts of Filastin" was intended to prepare the way to Israel's swallowing the fait accompli of a Palestinian state. But Israel will have to make it

very clear to the PA that the road to the Oslo agreement isn't one way only. The Palestinians must be made to understand that any infringement of the agreement. semantic or otherwise, will elicit an Israeli response, and that there is no place for renewed bargaining over total Palestinian compliance with past undertakings.

The writer, a veteran journalist, comments on current affairs.

Comfort

ANTONIA RUTH BRUNO

Thy would an evangelical Christian girl from America ache with great personal sorrow upon news of recent bombing attacks in Israel? One reason is that the Scriptures admonish us, "Comfort ye, comfort ye, My people...".

Another reason is that after living on a moshav in the Judean hills for six months in 1994, Jerusalem became my home away from home, and Israel my people. Its joys and sorrows became my own.

Unlike America, where gratuitous violence is so commonplace that we've become desensitized to the human element of suffering. Israel is a country that mourns for each victim of violence as a mother weeps for a stain child. During my all-too-brief stay, her suffering became

my own.
I held my breath with the nation when pictures of a sweetfaced 19-year-old, Nachshon Wachsman, flashed across our television screens with the news that he'd been kidnapped by terrorists. And I shared the socrow of our moshav when word came that he had been murdered, even before the first stirring of a rescue attempt could be made.

When a sniper killed several Israelis in an attack in downtown Jerusalem; when a bus was blown up in Tel Aviv, when a woman soldier was killed by an axewielding Palestinian - with every tragic act of terror, the drama of the Israeli people became very

It has been seven months since I was last in Israel, but my heart is still there; she is a nation that cannot let go of you, once she has taken hold.

So when news of the fourth suicide bus bombing in nine days reached my ears, the grief was unbearable. And with the grief came the questions.

Were any of my friends among the dead or wounded?" "Why hasn't this been stopped?"

And, the most grievous ques-tion of all for a woman of faith: "Where is God in all of this?" FEELING overwhelmed, I decided to go offside for a walk, even though there were dark storm clouds forming in our normally

sunny California sky. I knew the words of David the psalmist-king, "He Who watches over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep," but doubt lay heavy in my heart, like the gray clouds overhead.

A Christian aches for Israel, 'my home away from home, my people'

I remembered a poem that I had written after standing inside the tunnel excavations at the Western

"How can I forget thee, O Jerusalem?

Lord, help me to remember the damp smell, like the mourning of an ancient

the rough stones hewn of timeless dreams, not yet turned to the crumpled slips of written

prayers, perhaps long forgotten by every heart but Yours. Help me to remember my peo-

ple, till with joy we carry in the sheaves reaped from centuries of tears -

the tears of hearts returning home:

the tears of mothers, whose sons do not return; the tears of fathers weeping for

their children; The tears of God." The poem had become all too painful in its meaning. I had seen too many tears of mothers whose sons do not return," too

many "fathers weeping for their children." When would it end? l was so lost in my thoughts that I hadn't realized it was sunset

until I noticed something amazing in the sky.

The dark storm clouds were still there, hut the sun had come out. It was shining with a pink and gold light, not just around the

clouds, but in them and through them I cannot say that I walked back to my house with any answers about the recent bombings.

Yet I believe that God both sees and shares the tears of His people. I also believe, with perfect

faith, the words God spoke to Israel through the prophet Isaiah: "Can a woman forget her nursing child, or fail to have compas-

sion for the son of her womb? They may forget, yet I will not forget you; See, I have engraved you upon the palms of My

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NO MORE CONCESSIONS

Sir, - 1'm sick at the murder of Israelis hy terrorists. I'm also sick of Mr. Clinton and other politicians and media pundits saying nothing must stop us from the peace process. "Us?" "Peace process?" Thousands of my Christian constituents cry out with me against this onesided peace that results in Jewish bodies blown to pieces and Arab terrorists launching their attacks from areas handed over hy Israel to Yasser Arafat.

We stand against the Hamas kill-ers who are told by their leaders that killing Jews leads to beaven - rather than the truth that it leads straight to hell. We stand against the unwillingness or inability of Arafat to rem in the terrorists. We stand against Arafat for talking "peace" to the West while continuing to stir up his own people in Arabic about final victory in "Palestine" and "Jerusalem" code language for "no more

We stand against Israel's leaders putting any more peace concessions on paper until the PLO paper of death - the PLO Covenant - is canceled. And we stand against any Clinton administration pressure to do otherwise. Israel's President Ezer Weizman is right in calling for a halt in the negotiations and a rethinking of the peace process. Israel is at war. And it is time its Jewish and non-Jewish friends say loud and clear, 'No more concessions to Arafat or US opinion until the war is won.'

FRANK EIKLOR, President. Shalom International Corona, California.

RESPECT THE BLIND

Sir, - I am a blind person. I have been advised that on you editorial page of March 5, you portrayed Shi-mon Peres as blindly groping about with a cane as Yasser Arafat guides him towards an open manhole euphemistically labeled "peace."

I think that it is very insensitive on your part to stereotype an entire population in order to make a point, no matter how valid that point might be. As you may know, one of the victims of the bus bombing happened to be blind. The terrorists made no distinction between young and old, Jew and Arab, hlind and sighted. Why should not we be entitled to the same treatment from a newspaper which should know better, especially since as a group, most of us blind people know where we are going more than does Mr. Peres.

The cartoon most emphatically did not intend to slight the blind. The Jerusalem Post regrets the anguish it caused Mr. Gambiel. – Ed. J.P.

ARIE GAMLIEL

INADEQUATE

RESPONSE Sir, - One can only hope that Chief of Staff Lipkin-Shahak made it clear to Chairman Arafat at his meeting of February 28 that, in the light of the latest round of terror acts, to construct his "police force" to, yet again, "round up the usual suspects" will be viewed by the government as a totally inadequate

response.

STANLEY LAWSON

HALT THE PEACE **PROCESS**

Sir, - Those of us who have opposed the Oslo Agreements from the outset have seen many of our worst fears come true. Jews are dying in ever increasing numbers. Terror has struck in the heart of Eretz Yisrael. The Arabs have adopted a policy of no fear of Israel. The current government has refused to truly deal with the recent outbreak of Arab terrorism. Instead, Israel's power and even its sovereignty have been numed over to Yasser Arafat.

We who opposed the Oslo Accords knew that Arafat could not be trusted to be a true partner in peace. Yet, the Labor government contin-ues to foolishly believe that Arafat can save Israel from terrorists. The truth is that Arafat and his PA cronies are still terrorists. Our only hope is not to make peace with these terrorists, but to defeat them.

If Peres and the Labor government have any self-respect and any caring for the nation and people of Israel, they will balt the ridiculous and dangerous policies of placating the Arabs and giving away the country. The first step is to strike hard at Hamas in the heart of the parts of Eretz Yisrael that have been given away. The second step is to let Arafat know that the "process" is over; that there will be nothing more given away. Finally, if the Arah war against the Jews and Eretz Yisrael does not end, then the land that has been given away must be taken back and full Israeli sovereignty must be re-established.

JOHN PETERSON Deaver, Colorado.

fter the Knesset approved A the Oslo 2 accord, some commentators argued that a special majority should be required to pass such important Other commentators attacked

the legitimacy of the Oslo vote because it lacked a "Jewish majority" - the government had to rely on the support of the Arab parties. The end result was that Oslo 2 passed by an absolute majority, that is by more than 60 of the 120

Attaining an absolute majority on an important vote is not so ordinary an occurrence.

Back in January opposition MKs managed to pass private members' bills on first reading. This is not supposed to happen when the coalition controls a majority in the Knesset.

However, on that day only 50odd MKs showed up for the session, and more of them belonged to the opposition than to the coali-Laws are often passed by less

than a majority of the 120 MKs.

This itself is not an anomaly, it

happens in legislatures all around the world. However, what is anomalous is that Basic Laws, which the Supreme Court recently confirmed as having constitutional status, can be passed by less than

a majority of MKs. Take the recent law for direct election of the prime minister as an example. In March 1992, the Knesset enacted the Basic Law: The Government by a vote of 55-

Supreme Court President Aharon Barak described the 1992 enactment of the Basic Law: Human

ADAM DODEK

Making light of democracy

Dignity and Liberty and Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation as a laws were passed by votes of 32-21

and 23-0 respectively. Some revolution. A majority of MKs were not even present at the

LAST November, the Supreme Court stated that the power of the Kaesset to pass Basic Laws that bind future Knessets derives from

establish the political rules of the game, not be pawns in it

The original constituent assembly, of course, never completed (or

assembly have been passed on from one Knesset to the next. Defenders of the Knesset's power to act as a constituent assembly assert that generally no special majority is required when

absolute majority. The American experience is one

In 1787, the states appointed 65 delegates to the Federal Constitutional Convention in

"constitutional revolution." These

Basic Laws should

its status as a constituent assembly. began) its assigned task of constitution-making. Rather, it converted itself into the First Knesset. The powers of the constituent

constituent assemblies enact constitutions. However, constituent assemblies usually produce constimions passed by at least an

Philadelphia. Only 55 delegates attended. Of these, 39 signed the US Constitution. Any way you do the math, a "special majority" of at least 60 percent of the delegates approved

If the Israeli "constitutional revolution" were applied to the American situation, only 18 of the 65 delegates would have signed

the Constitution. Basic Laws are too easy to enact and far too easy to amend. If they are to be the basic - as in fundamental - laws of the land, they must provide the fundamental predictable structure supported by a

at least a majority. As it stands now, Basic Laws are subject to the political whims of the moment, just as any other govemment policy. However, the system of govern-

ment and elections are not policy

- they are the structure and process of democracy. Basic Laws should establish the political rules of the game, not be yet another pawn in it. If Israelis are to take the constitutional status of their Basic Laws

seriously, then these laws should

have the support of at least 61 MKs to be enacted or amended. This is not a draconian requirement. It requires the people's representatives, acting in their role as members of the constituent assembly, to stand up and be counted on the fundamental matters of the composition and orga-

nization of the state. This should not be too great a demand.

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'The loneliest Jew in America' defends himself

EHUDA Levin has been called "the loneliest Jew in America." He doesn't dispute it.

As one of four national cochairmen of the Buchanan for President campaign, the littleknown and underemployed 41year-old Orthodox rahhi is one of very few Jews willing to puhlicly support the belligerent political commentator.

Levin admits that his emhrace of Buchanan, whom many prominent Jews consider to be antisemitic, hasn't won him many friends in the Orthodox Jewisb community of Brooklyn, New York, where he lives. In fact, it has made him an outcast and an oddity.

"Right now, I wouldn't win any popularity contests," he

"An overwhelming number of people in my community just don't understand Buchanan. They see him as a Nazi." But there is a logic to Levin's support for Bucbanan, although it requires the rabhi to set aside the candidate's often-hostile, frequently skeptical comments about Jews, Israel and the Holocaust.

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Levin says that Buchanan's opposition to abortion, pornography and full civil rights for gays and lesbians - views Levin sbares - far outweighs any misgivings he might have ahout Buchanan's views of Jews and Israel. And he dismisses the distaste for Buchanan among bis fellow Jews as a product of both knee-jerk political liheralism and a hypersensitivity to perceived

slights. Sure, Levin says, Buchanan has at times heen guilty of "insensitivity" to Jewish opinion, such as when he complained of Jewish "wallowing in the atrocities of a dead regime," referring to the Holocaust.
Buchanan's description of Hitler
as "an individual of great
courage, a soldier's soldier" was also perhaps excessively provocative, Levin avows.

But none of that is evidence of hatred toward Jews, Levin says. Rather, it's just Buchanan's way of being heard above "the clamor and din of the Beltway

One of Pat Buchanan's national co-chairmen, Yehuda Levin, is not winning any popularity contests among America's Jews

crowd." "He's an equal-opportunity insulter," Levin proceeds. "He's a pugnacious Roman Catholic, Latin mass guy, a traditionalist. His faith doesn't change with the times. He's used to brawling intellectual giveand-take, no holds barred, no prisoners taken.

"He still hasn't realized the difference between writing a column and running for president. But this does not an antisemite

Levin says his attraction to Buchanan and bis ideas rises naturally from his conservative faith and tradition. He was raised in a haredi family in Brooklyn and Queens and was educated and ordained at an Orthodox yeshiva in Brooklyn.

He is married to a daughter of Holocaust survivors, who, Levin says, finds his role in the Buchanan campaign a bit perplexing. She does not participate in her hushand's political activi-ties; she has her hands full rais-

ing their eight children.
Levin hriefly held a pulpit at the small Beth Jacob Synagogue in Queens in the late 1980s and still officiates at High Holy Day services as an itinerant rabhi.

He also serves as unofficial spokesman for Jews for Morality, a conservative group that opposes abortion and pro-motes what Levin calls 'traditional values from a Jewish perspective." He can give no estimate of the group's size and says it has no office or telephone.

But it is his political, rather than his religious, activities that

have won him some notoriety.

In 1984, he changed his political affiliation from Democrat to Republican to run against Rep. Stephen Solarz, the Democratic incumbent, winning a surprising 35 percent of the vote. The next year, running as the candidate of New York's Right-to-Life Party, he challenged Democratic Mayor Ed Koch but earned only an asterisk in the political record

His relationship ("if you want to call it that," Levin says) with Buchanan dates to the fall of 1992, when he met the firehrand columnist at a GOP gathering in New Jersey and told him that the two agreed on "a whole smorgasbord of social issues." In spring 1995, Buchanan's sister and campaign manager, Angela "Bay" Buchanan, called Levin and asked if he'd he willing to serve as a national co-chairman

of the campaign.
"When I accepted that, I had no illusions that Mr. Buchanan would be the next president or even win the nomination," Levin says. "I did this and I'm doing this hecause he champions a lot of issues that I believe he ought to receive our support for." Levin says he's given up much

hope of reaching his fellow His goal, for now, is to convince Christian conservatives

that Buchanan has at least some support among Jews. "I'm telling them that there are, like me, a small group of people who appreciate that while he doesn't have the best bedside manner, to put it mildly, he's not

a Jew-hater." Most mainstream Jewish leaders, however, are not convinced. Rabbi Marvin Hier, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, said that Buchanan

has had numerous opportunities to explain or apologize for his remarks and has never taken them. Hier added that Levin would have a hard time finding enough Jewish supporters of Buchanan to put together a minyan. "It's an extremely small group he represenis. Despite the best efforts of Rahhi Levin to enlarge it, I think he would be lucky if he found a minyan." (Los Angeles Times)

FEATURES What really happened at school

RUTH MASON

was school?" "Fine." "What did you do?" "Nothing." How can I find out something about what goes on during my

children's day? Marcia Levine Shbiro, child and adult psychologist, and chief psychologist at Beit Hayeled, says: Children often experience our

questioning as a modern revival of the Spanish Inquisition. As a result, parents often feel cast in the role of intrusive torturers. We then feel tortured - excluded and confused about who's the "bad guy" in this scenario. We may then respond with anger, increased pressure on the child to answer, or with hurt withdrawal. While these are natural responses. they do nothing to loosen our children's tongues.

Here are some suggestions for avoiding the question/blank-wall stalemate and finding out about our children's lives.

Provide a model for talking aloud about one's own experi-

Describe your own day (avoid being excruciatingly detailed, as they will tune out). What you think worth mentioning, becomes "worth-mentioning" material in your child's life. Particularly as many children detest answering questions, you've opened up a reciprocal exchange - a conversation rather than a perceived grilling.

Often parental timing is off. Parents want to put questions when it suits them (in the car on the way home from school with three other children present, or just as Baywatch is starting) and not necessarily when children want to talk. You may discover that you are not available to listen when your child spontaneously wants to tell (particularly as their memories may be jogged much more readily by a similar event, a story or a situation on TV rather than a direct question).

participated in class; if the teacher

talk when you bave the phone under your chin, a burnt pan in one hand and a screaming baby in the other. This doesn't mean you should drop everything at that moment, but do try to be attuned to their niming.
Children often feel chatty and in touch with their experiences

as they lie in bed before sleeping. Many parents gave the bath, read the book and want their own time now. If your child is the type who opens up at night, you may want to plan some unstructured talk time around the bedtime ritual.

True, they are often hurning to

WE often dampen our child's enthusiasm for telling if we have ulterior motives for our questions. Check with yourself why you are asking the question. What do you want to know? Do you want to discover if Adam behaved well, or

is okay?

If you need to discover specific information, say so, directly. If you really want to hear what is going on with your child's life, listen. Children often tell stories in ways to which we are not accustomed. Often they don't get to the point as we know it, but try to listen until the end, uncritical-

Be particularly aware of your responses to the children's answers and to their spontaneous comments. Are you using their talk as a springboard for moralizing and educating? Do you intersperse their talk with, "Blow your nose" or "Why are your pants torn again?

Responses like "I told you not to" or "Why do you let him do that?" are conversation stoppers. I have found open-ended state-ments useful: "I'd love to hear

about your day." "Maybe you'd like to tell me something about your day."

And

did I mention what happened

today!

Or, more guided, 'I wonder if anything interesting (good, bad) happened today." "Did you hear (see, think, learn) anything different that you think I'd like to hear

You may try the "prompt" or memory jog to get them started. "I saw Dana going into your kinder-garten today." Or "Daniel has a hlack eye." Or "You haven't mentioned Tanach in weeks." Most often, children like to talk

while engaged in other activities with you like cooking, sewing, or playing on the computer together. Private time doing something together is often the best time to really hear your children.

If you have a question about parenting, write to: Parenting, POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem.

Bogota mayor gets married in a den of non-political lions

F politics is a den of lions, why shouldn't a politician get married in the midst of seven huge, ferocious carni-

vores? It would have to be a most unconventional politician, of

Bogota's philosopher-mayor and his betrothed ned the knot with seven Bengal tigers perched around them in the middle of a

For a country politically paralyzed hy President Ernesto Samper's refusal to resign despite mounting evidence that his 1994 campaign was gener-ously funded by cocaine lords, the recent wedding was a welcome diversion.

Antanas Mockus and Adriana Cordoba began with a pachydermic entrance, riding into the big top on an elephant, their matrimonial wear sewn of the same hurlap Columbians use to ship their coffee.

She carried a simple houquet, he a jester's head on a stick. Cordoha, a graduate student in urban planning, exuded joy in her floor-length hurlap gown, with a white-silk scarf tied across her forehead and flowing down her hack. The hearded

Mockus wore a hurlap sports jacket, a tie, khaki slacks and black sandals. "He's divine. I adore him."

said one admirer in attendance. "He is so absolutely honest." The 300 "guests" each paid \$40 into a fund the newlyweds

created for abused children. An even larger crowd - mostly people of meager means - stood outside the tent, hoping to catch a glimpse of the couple.

Immensely popular with all hut the rich, Mockus is more than just an anomaly in a country where politics has been polluted by drug money and people have come to expect little from gov-

The son of Lithuanian immigrants won the election for mayor by a landslide in 1994 on a tiny budget. His campaign con-sisted largely of riding around Bogota on bis bicycle, talking to

people.

His only campaign promise: to raise taxes for those who could

Mockus, 43, might never have gotten into politics had he not dropped his pants in public. Flashing his naked rear at an auditorium full of students hecause they weren't paying

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attention cost him his joh as rector of the National University. "He's a real curiosity," said a policewoman on duty at the cer-

Mockus attacks problems with novel solutions - from enlisting teenage mimes to ridiculing jaywalkers to distributing plastic thumbs-down cards that can be flashed instead of pistols at offensive drivers.

And a favorite punishment for minor legal violations - make the offender fill potholes, sweep sidewalks or wash windows of public huildings.

The wedding ceremony began after the tigers jumped through flaming hoops - one suffering a third-degree thigh burn.

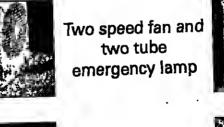
The bride and groom then followed the notary who married them into the cage.

Sitting at a folding table, the soon-to-he-Mockuses looked somewhat nervous eyeing the tigers as the notary performing the civil ceremony waxed philosophical on the meaning of mar-

But there was no hesitation and plenty of passion in the six-sec-ond kiss that followed. On a lion tamer's cue, one of the tigers









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Russian inflation falls below 100%

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"Yeltsin's only viable election program is one of low inflation," Brunswick brokerage said. "While some additional spending

is likely, Yeltsin will not disregard

opinion polis showing that infla-tion is the top concern for the majority of Russia's population."

February's month-on-month

down to 1% this year.

year-on-year inflation fell to 89 percent in February, from 104% in January, making it the lowest rate since economic reforms began in January 1992, the State Statistics

Committee said yesterday. It was the first time that Russia has recorded double-digit yearon-year inflation.

The freeing of prices drove the annual figure as high as 2,000% in 1992 and rates have stayed stubbornly high, despite tight mone-tary policies in recent years.

Some Russian economists blame monopolist producers for the high inflation rates. Communist Party leaders, remem-bering the low official inflation

Koor **Tourism buys 51%** of Altiv, Histour

HAIM SHAPIRO

The agreement, which marks considerable expansion for Koor in the tourism field, was signed by

The remaining 49% of the shares are to be held by both Elbit

As part of the agreement, Koor \$1.8m. will be paid immediately.

business travel.

Koor Tourism is already involved in hotel ownership and management in the Paradise

Tadiran's revenues pass \$1 billion mark

TADIRAN yesterday announced its earnings last year were \$1.048 billion, the first time ever its annual revenues surpassed \$1b.

The company's net profits, however, decreased 30 percent to controls and subsidies as a way to \$27.57 million from \$39.405m. But the government, viewing low inflation as President Boris Revenues grew 13% from \$862.89m., while earnings per Yeltsin's best recipe for success in June's presidential election, has share fell to \$1.41 from \$2.01.

Board Chairman Benny Gaon noted that reorganization had turned the telecommunications segment into an attractive partner for "significant strategic partnerand Tadiran is in early negotiations with several con-

Telecommunications is readying for an \$80m. share offering on Wall Street, with March 28 set as

rate of 2.8% was also the lowest the pricing date. Full-year results included a one-

time expense of \$18.7m. Earnings per share last year included extraordinary benefits of

\$0.28 per share from unrealized gains in marketable securities and 50.23 per share from one-time tax

Fourth quarter net profits went up 114% to \$10.9m. from \$5.12m. Revenues rose to \$283.11m. from \$252.23m., while earnings per share went up to \$0.56 from

Annual profit margins fell to 23.6% from 26.9%. CEO Israel Zamir said gross

margins "continued to be nega-tively impacted by the gap between the rate of inflation and the shekel-dollar exchange rate, and by the one-time charges recorded." Tadiran had three main achievements last year, Gaon said. "First, a return to profitability. Secondly, we passed the \$1b. mark and 65% of sales were not defense related. Thirdly, reorganization - to be completed later this year - was implemented successfully."

Exports grew 25%, due largely to increased activity in Southeast Asia, as sales went up to \$144m. from \$61m. in 1994. We have chosen to focus on

this area [as opposed to] other emerging markets, such as Eastern Europe and the CIS," said

The newly separated communications segment includes military communications, tactical radios, computers, video compression equipment and SINCGARS (single channel ground and airborne radio systems).

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Wednesday, March 20, 1996

Disabled protest in front of the Knesset: Members of the disabled workers' union staged a strike in front of the Knesset to protest the inequality between the conditions of those injured in war and terrorist attacks and those injured in work accidents. They will continue the strike until their demands are met, union head Daron Yehnda said.
Following a protest by the 20,000-member union two years ago,
Finance Minister Avraham Shohat allocated NIS 10 million, but this solved marginal problems plaguing a small group, Yehuda said, adding that recent protests have yielded nothing.

About 100 travel agents specializing in incentive tours are to participate in a conference this weekend organized by the newly established Eilat Forum, which was formed by El Al, Arkia, the Tourism

Ministry, and a group of hotels and tour organizers.

The participating hotels are the Princess, Neptune, Radisson Moriah Plaza, Paradise Red Sea, Isrotel King Solomon, Isrotel Royal Beach, Dan Eilat, and Ambassador. The member agencies include Amiel Tours, Eshet International, Kenes, Yesharim, Omega, Ophir Tours, Ortra, Peltours, and Unitours. Tours, Ortra, Peltours, and Unitours.

Negotiators for General Motors and the United Auto Workers union took their first break yesterday after almost two days of nonstop talks to end a strike that has virtually shut down the giant carmaker. Negotiators took a break after meeting for nearly 40 hours since Sunday, said James Hagedon, a spokesman for GM's Delphi Chassis unit in Dayton, Ohio. Hagedon would not comment on the whether the negotiators were closer to ending the strike, which has led to the shutdown of all GM's assembly plants.

Reuter.

KOOR Tourism Enterprises yesterday signed an agreement with Elbit to acquire 51 percent of the Histour and Altiv travel compa-

Koor Tourism director Gil Leidner and Elbit director

and Tius of the Bank Hapoalim

Last year. Histour — which includes outgoing tourism, vacation packages, charters and internal tourism — had a turnover of

Altiv specializes primarily in

It also owns half the Eurodollar car rental firm and holds an 18%



The first planeload of That workers arrives at Ben-Gurion Airport yesterday. The group of 238 was part of the 3,500 additional foreign agricultural workers approved by the cabinet last week following the wave of suicide bombings.

(Rever)

Saudi prince, Michael Jackson in venture

DUBAI (Reuter) - Saudi Arabia's richest investor and US pop star Michael Jackson yesterday announced a multi-million dollar show business joint

Billionaire Prince al-Waleed bin Talal said the business would be called Kingdom Entertainment.

The name derives from Kingdom Establishment, the prince's main investment vehicle through which he has amassed a business empire that includes banks, theme parks, telecommunications, hotels and other property throughout the world.

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One of their first joint activities would be sponsoring Jackson's world "History Tour", the statement said.

It said Kingdom Entertainment planned to pursue investments and development projects in a wide range of entertainment activities - including animation, theme parks, theme restaurants, character licensing, television programming, motion pictures

and multi-media. Kingdom Entertainment expected to benefit from synergies resulting from those activities.

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FIBI suffers 4.8% decrease in annual net earnings

THE First International Bank of Israel (FIBI), a member of the Safra Bank Group, completed last year with a 4.8 percent drop in net profits to NIS 144.1m. from NIS 151.4m. in 1994.

FIBI is the first of the country's five large banks to publish its annual financial statements. Net profits in the fourth quarter

fell to NIS 36.5m. from NIS 39.4m. in the same period last

Annual net return on equity fell to 8.7% from 9.5% last year. The bank achieved an average annual net return on equity of 9.7% over the past five years.

The bank's board of directors decided to allocate a dividend of NIS 78.5 to the shareholders, rep**GALIT LIPKIS BECK**

resenting a dividend yield of 4.2%. The board ed to continue with the bank's dividend policy of distributing at least 35% of the bank's earnings during the coming three years.

Speaking at a press conference vesterday, FIBI managing director Shlomo Piotrkowsky said 1994 results included NIS 35.7m. received in respect of final tax assessments for the years 1987-1990, which contributed NIS 19.5m. to net earnings.

He said net earnings would have increased by 9.3% excluding this

In the reported period, the banks performance was effected by a 7.9% growth in earnings from financing operations before provision for doubtful debts to NIS 657m. The growth resulted from an increased volume of financing activity, which was offset by an erosion in the aggregate financial

Key factors which hindered earnings included an 11.6% rise in provisions for doubtful debts to NIS 56.1m. from NIS 50.3m.

Operating and other income, which was reduced by the continned recession in the capital mar-kets, decreased 5.3% to NIS 335.4m. The erosion was partially offset by an increase in the bank's commission-earning activities in the areas of foreign currency, foreign trade and credit cards.

Matav Cable net profits drop 35%

RACHEL NEIMAN

reported a 35.78 percent drop in annual net profits to NIS 19.78 million from NIS 27.78m. Revenues rose to NIS 241.15m.

from NIS 206.79m., while carnings per share fell to NIS 0.92

The drop was attributed to increased funding costs and high-

er tax payments. Matav has signed a letter of intent for an initial public offering abroad.

The company is also a 10% partner in a consortium to provide international phone service. Other member include Claicom (44%), Sprint International, Deutsche Telekom and France Telecom

(together 46%). The company has connected 68% of households to the cable Jerusalem Economic

Corporation posted a doubling in net profits to NIS 24.8m. from NIS 12.19m. Revenues went up to NIS 130.1m. from NIS 113.67m.,

while earnings per share increased to NIS 0.56 from NIS 0.28. JEC said net profits rose, despite

a drop in one-time revenues on property sales to NIS 1.2m. from NIS 22.88m. in 1994. Funding costs declined and rev-

enues on rental was up to NIS 84.96m. from NIS 76.6m. The company is primarily owned by TLC Properties and

Investment, part of the Fishman Subsidiaries include Mivnet Holdings (50%), Industrial Buildings (48.4%), Science Based Industry (50%), management and

holdings operations. Last year the company invested NIS 207m. in properties, of which NIS 77m. were direct JEC invest-



'Central bank's monetary policy harms markets'

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

THE Bank of Israel's monetary policy is harming the capital markets, First International Bank managing director Shlomo Piotrkowsky said at a press conference yesterday.

Piotrkowsky said the Bank of Israel's tight-money policy encouraged borrowers to take foreign currency loans instead of shekel loans.

He said 60 percent of total credit growth last year was in foreign

currency. As a result, he said, the shekel interest rate on the economy and capital market has significantly

"If the trend continues, there will be virtually no point in raising or lowering the interest on shekel credit," said Piotrkowsky.
"The shekel interest rate is losing its power in directing economic activity in Israel."

According to Piotrkowsky, the business community's preference to take loans in foreign currency has led to a 40%-60% contraction in the banking sector's financial margins, to 3%-3.5% in 1995.

Piotrkowsky said last year's forecasts in the banking sector.

high interest rate hindered the performance of the capital market, adding that the recovery of the stock exchange this year is largely dependent on the lowering of the interest rate.

"The bourse has a major task in the continuation of economic growth," he said. "But high interest rates are damaging the capital market. They are reducing tumovers and prices."

Commenting on the Bank; of Israel's lowering of the inflation rate last year, Piotrkowsky emphasized that although inflation fell to a record low of 8.1% from 14.5%, this success has harmed the trade deficit.

"If you take the basic inflation rate (excluding fruit and vegetable prices and housing), the inflation rate fell only 1%," he said. "The important question is whether this policy was justified."

Commenting on bank's move-ment to a five-day work week Piotrkowsky forecasted the expense to the banking sector will reach NIS 70 million-NIS 80m. which is less than the rest of the

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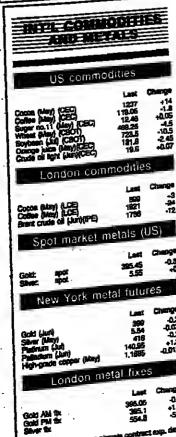
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Tadiran performance lifts TASE

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Two-Sided index

STOCKS rose yesterday, boosted by improved fourth-quarter profits at Tadiran, a Koor subsidiary.

Tadiran, with interests in telecommunications, defense eootracting, and consumer appliances, rose 3.25 after after announcing earnings doubled to \$11 million, or 56 cents a share, from \$5.1m., or 26 centa per share in the quarter in 1994.

The company said sales across the board increased and all divisions were profitable.

"The quarter was strong and geocrates good expectations toward the year's performance," said Arieh Maoz, vice president at Tel Aviv investment firm Central Securities Ltd.

Koor Industries Ltd., which owns a 66% stake in Tadiran, rose 2.25%

Koor, which produces more

Maof index than 7% of the country's industrial output, was the most active share on the exchaoge, with NIS 4.5m. worth of shares chang-

ing hands. The Maof Index rose 0.56% to 209.72 and the Two-Sided Index went up 0.53% to 199.80.

Of 992 issues trading across the exchange, three shares rose for every two that fell.

More than NIS 56.m. worth of shares traded, NIS 10.8m. below this month's average trading

The relatively low level of trading reflects a market which is waiting," said Maoz.

"There's tension in the market," he said. "Investors are waiting for the expiration of Maof index options cootracts, due at the end of the month."

(Bloomberg)

European markets pulled up by Wall St.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Router) - Shares ended higher yesterday but well helow the day's best after some solid gains. Bond market stability aod ioitial advances on Wall Street took the FTSE 100 back above the 3,700 level before profit-taking in the US dragged it off its day's best late-on.

The FTSE ended 23.4 points higher at 3,693.0, with attention focusing on a packed end of week for economic data.

FRANKFURT -- The German DAX blue-chip index closed bourse trade strongly ahead but unable to find enough impetus to break through the psychologically and technically crucial 2,500point barrier.

The index of 30 shares ended floor trade 30.10 points higher at 2,493.26 points. In post-bourse trade the index was up 12.19 at 2484.74.

PARIS - French shares closed slightly higher after an afternoon fall wiped out earlier gains. The market, which started higher boosted by record gains on Wall Street, a higher bond market and a strong franc, lost its gains the momeot Wall Street started to turn mixed.

The CAC-40 index up 2.18, or 0.11 percent, at 1,967.20.

ZURICH - Swiss shares ended higher on a boost from Wall Street's stroog performance and ealmer bood markets, dealers said, adding that liquidity was high. Most activity was seen in the industrial sector with gains in Roche, Ciba and Nestle, while share prices among financials were partly disappointing, deal-ers said. The broad SPI closed up

12.94 points to 2,299.23. TOKYO - Shares in Tokyo ended firmer, but well off their

early highs, with another record close in Wall Street easing fears over higher US interest rates. Brokers said the worst was over, though the upside remained limited amid uncertainties over Japan's budget. The 225-share

Nikkei average rose 157.47 points at 20,442.60. HONG KONG - Hong Kong stocks rallied to close above the key 10,800 level, catapulted by Wall Street's huge 99-point surge

overnight, players said. The blue-

chip Hang Seng Index surged 279.22 points to 10,880.50. SYDNEY - The Australiao sbare market closed firmer on good volume. Broad buying support lifted stocks across the board after a stroog session on Wall Street and a merger announcement between two regional banks combined to boost market

sentiment. The All Ordinaries Index finished 21.7 points higher at

JOHANNESBURG - Sootb African gold shares bounced off their lows to end only slightly weaker as sentiment and activity improved in the afternoon fol-lowing a brief spike in the gold price to the \$396 an ounce level, dealers said.

Industrial shares followed suit ending a touch firmer but price increases were capped by uncertainty over Wall Street, they said.

The all-share index closed off 7.3 points at 6,644.7, industrials were up 0.1 to 8,235.2 and golds finished down 13.7 to 1,738.7.

Dow Jones Index retreats after touching 5,700 mark

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - The Dow Jones industrial average retreated on profit-taking yesterday after edging above 5,700 points for the first time on spillover buying from Monday's huge gain of nearly 100 points.

At 1 p.m. EST, the Dow was off 0.72 of a point at 5,682.88 following a brief run-up to 5,709.97, which added to the previous day's leap of 99 points that brought it to a record high of 5,683.60.

In the broader market, advancing issues led declines by a small margin on active volume of 260 million shares on the New York

Stock Exchange. The Nasdaq composite index was off 2.85 points at 1,111.57. The American Stock Exchange index was up 0.28 at 565.06.

"People are taking some profits today after a very strong day vesterday," said Michael La-Tronica, director of research at Gruntal & Co. "The term would be backing and filling."

Until the US switches its clocks for Daylight Saving Time, the Dow Jones results published in the paper will be from 3 p.m. New York

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LONDON (Reuter) - Faustino

Asprilla scored one goal and laid

on another as Newcastle United

reclaimed top spot in the Premier

League with a 3-0 home win over

points clear with its first win in

four games, reclaimed the slender

lead Manchester United had

snatched from them with its 1-1

draw at Queeo's Park Rangers on

Saturday. United was ahead by a

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Frenchman David Ginola in less

Albert put Newcastle ahead in the

21st minute with his third goal in

Belgian defender Philippe

happen Saturday against Georgetown.

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Kentucky and Connecticut. That, says UMass eoaeh

Teams "want to beat us so bad they have to play great basketball for 40 minutes." he said. "Our job is

to make it very, very hard for them to play great for

our kids had to do. Instead of giving us the pressure.

Despite being ranked first, having the country's

"People are picking us not to get out of the region.

That's the consensus of all the media," Calipari said.

best record (33-1) and being led by All-American

center Marcus Camby, Calipari sees a pack of pes-

"As we took that approach, it was very clear what

John Calipari, is the widely held perception.

West Ham defender Steve Potts

goal difference of one.

than half a minute.

Newcastle, which went three

10-man West Ham on Monday.

Bulls win without Rodman Newcastle back on top

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Michael Jordan had 38 points and 11 rebounds as Chicago struggled before beating the Philadelphia 76ers 98-94 Monday night in the Bulls' first game without suspended forward Dennis Rodman.

Jordan scored 14 points in the fourth quarter as the Bulls won their fourth straight. The Bulls, now 58-7 overall, have won 10 of their last 11.

Rodman, suspended earlier in the day for six games and fined \$20,000 for head-butting an official Saturday, wasn't at the Spectrum to see Chicago have trouble with a Philadelphia team that has won 13 games this sea-

Toni Kukoc had 21 points and 11 assists for the Bulls, who defeated the 76ers for the 10th straight time.

Jerry Stackhouse had 31 points and Vernon Maxwell added 18 for

Nuggets 122, Raptors 114

Autonio MeDyess scored 32 points and Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf added 27 as visining Denver ended an eight-game road losing streak. McDyess had five dunks and the Nuggets made 35-of-41 free throws to post their first road win since Jan.

Tracy Murray scored a franchise record 40 points for the Raptors, who have won just four of their last

Abdul-Rauf, playing his third game since returning from his sus-pension for refusing to stand during the national anthem, received an equal mix of boos and cheers when he entered the game with 5:44 left

in the first quarter.

Jazz 107, Bucks 90

Jeff Homacek scored 25 points and Kari Malone added 22 as host Milwaukee went down to its eighth straight loss.

The Bucks also lost coach Mike Dunleavy, ejected late in the second quarter by referee Eddie F. Rush for arguing an offensive foul on Bucks forward Terry Cummings.
Glenn Robinson led Milwaukee

with 21 points. Spurs 104, Warriors 98 David Robinson scored 32 points and added 14 rebounds as host San

Antonio won its 10th straight. San Antonio has won 15 of its last 17 games. Avery Johnson had a season-high 17 assists for the Spurs, who had

five players score in double figures. Rony Seiklay had 18 points, Latrell Sprewell 17 and Joe Smith 16 for the Warriors, who went scoreless for a 6:18 stretch of the fourth quarter.

Supersonics 104, Clippers 101 Shawn Kemp scored five points in 28 seconds and hose Seattle closed the game with a 70 min in

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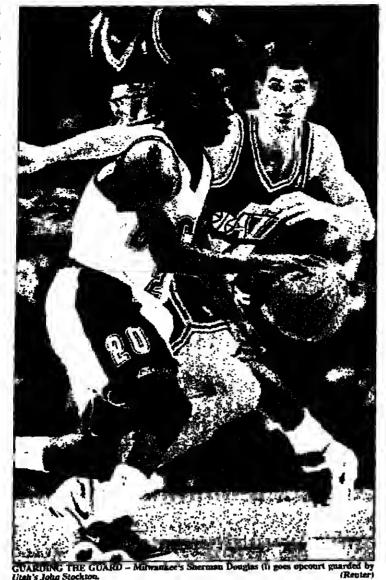
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Malik Sealy's dunk with one minute left put the Clippers ahead 101-97 before Kemp and the Sonics went to work to beat Los Angeles for the 12th straight time.

Kemp, who scored 27 points. made two free throws with 53.6 seconds left to bring Seattle within two, and he scored on a reverse dunk with 40.9 seconds remaining to rie it 101-all.

Gary Payton then ripped away Terry Dehere's pass and Kemp stole the ball before being fouled. He made one of two free throws to make it 102-101 with 25.4 seconds left. Detlef Schrempf's two free throws with 3.4 seconds left clinched the win.

Payton had a triple-double with 20 points, 10 rebounds and 10

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nance that it had 40 goal attempts, 27 on target, to only two hy West Ham, the side which beat them at their Upton Park ground four weeks ago. It was only the second time in

five matches that Asprilla had finished on the winning side following his debut as a substitute away to Middlesbrough in a 2-1 win on February 10. Newcastle had lost at West Ham, drawn at Manchester City

and lost at home to Manchester three games when he slotted the hall home after running through United in between. Newcastle's failure to finish the on to a flicked pass by Asprilla.
The Colombian added to the first half with more than one goal was due to a string of fine saves score with a chipped goal in the by 38-year-old reserve goalkeeper 55th minute, his second for his new club, and 10 minutes later Les Sealey, whose last start was

18 months ago playing for second

Asprilla, asked about Newcastle's chances of winning its first league title in 69 years, said: We can now be more calm in the coming matches."
Questioned whether, with his skillful touches, he played to the crowd. Asprilla said: "No, that's my style of play. I'm just glad we were able to put on a show for the

The Colombian said of his troubles at Manchester City, where he elbowed a rival defender in the face: "Nothing dramatic happened. It was more the importance it was given on television."

The offense resulted in a misconduct charge by the Football Association.

Manager Kevin Keegan said: "His goal tonight was first class, I think with the players we've got, we have to believe we can beat anyone.

Newcastle visits tough rivals Arsenal and Liverpool in its next two matches.

Mass Coach: Don't count Minutemen out of NCAA

"I would even like to see some of the pools around BOSTON (AP) - It's just a maner of time. If it doesn't happen tomorrow night against Arkansas, it could here, around our own campus. "I think most people are saying, "They can't be this If Massachusetts survives those tests, it almost cergood. They're going to lose somewhere along the tainly will lose in the Final Four when it could face line," he added.

As it heads into tomorrow night's East regional semifinal against surprising Arkansas (20-12), there is some question about UMass' depth and inability to win by large margins. Saturday's 79-74 NCAA tournament second-round win over Stanford was its 10th by six or fewer points.

The Razorbacks are seeded 12th, start four freshmen and lost 10 players from last season. Two-thirds of the way into this season, they lost their top scorer and rebounder to eligibility problems.

But Arkansas did win the national championship in 1994, finished second last year and used a swarming, aggressive defense to upset Penn State and Marquette in the first two rounds.

"It's going to be a hard game for us," Calipari said.
"We know that. We accept that going in."

Wilander appeals investigation

LONDON (AP) - Mats Wilander and Karel Novacek will appeal a court decision yesterday that would allow the International Tennis Federation to pursue its case against them for alleged cocaine use.

terday declined to issue an injunc-

tion to balt the ITF's investigation.

The High Court ruling could allow the ITF-tennis world governing body - to go ahead with its disciplinary procedures against the two players. A hearing has been set for April

players could be suspended for three months from all major tournaments, including the French Open and Wimbledon.

Wilander, the former world No. to consider sanctions. The two Open, They deny the allegations

i from Sweden, and Novacek allegedly tested positive for cocaine at last year's French

Gretzky gets mixed reviews

INGLEWOOD, California (AP) -Wayne Gretzky had a goal and an assist in an emotional return to the Forum, a homecoming in which the crowd's sentiments were split between boos and cheers for the Great One.

Gretzky and the St. Louis Blues came away with a 3-1 victory Monday night, sending the Los Angeles Kings to their fourth straight loss. He celebrated the win by hugging linemate Brett Hull, who scored an empty-net goal with six seconds remaining. Then, as he skated to the tunnel after the game, Gretzky gave his stick to a fan in the stands.

"I'm pleased it's over with," Gretzky said after the game. "I said to Brett before the game ! can't wait to get to Dallas and a normal game where there's not so much attention on myself."

Gretzky faced the Kings without his recently traded friends Marty McSorley, Jari Kurri and Shane Churla. The Kings are 3-5 since he was traded on February

27, while St. Louis improved to 5-3-1. Gretzky has five goals and eight assists in nine games with the Blues. The Blues are challenging Vancouver, Calgary and Toronto for home-ice advantage

in the playoffs. Gretzky, playing three weeks after the Kings traded him, drew his loudest response when he lifted a pass over goalie Kelly Hrudey to give the Blues a 1-0 lead at 7:00 of the second period. Hockey's scoring king pumped his arms and smiled broadly as boos rang out. It was his fifth goal in nine games with the Blues and 20th of the season.

Hrudey didn't enjoy playing against his old friend. "Anytime our eyes met, I always looked down to keep it as professional as possible," he said.

NHL - Monday's Games: Hartford 6, Tampa Bay 3; Montreal 3, Buffalo 2; San Jose 3, Boston 3; St. Louis 3, Los Angeles 1

Smashnova leads nat'l Fed Cup team ORI LEWIS

ISRAEL will host its largest team tennis event ever next week when some 100 women rackets from 20 countries converge on Ramat Hasharon for the 1996 Federation Cup Europe/Africa Group II qualifying tournament.

The week-long competition begins on Monday and runs until the following Sunday. Four teams will advance to the next stage of the competition, Group I.

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"I cannot remember such a big tennis event ever being held here, and the fact that Israel is host despite recent events here is a mark of our growing statute in the world game," Israel Tennis Association Chairman David Harnik said yesterday. Harnik said that only six nations

had withdrawn from the competition, but of that group (Algeria, Armenia, Benin, Egypt, Kenya and San Marino) only Egypt pulled out for political reasons. The competing teams are

Botswana, Cyprus, Denmark, Ethiopia, Finland, Estonia, Ireland. Israel, Iceland. Lithnania Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Morocco, Poland, Turkey, Tunisia, Ukraine and Zimbabwe, "Some 80 officials (linesmen

and umpires) and 70 ballboys will be required to stage this even, the logistics required are unprecedented," Harnik said. "Much of the credit for this competition must go to (IIA President) Freddie Krivine, who

has worked tirelessly to convince Tennis International Federation to let us stage the event," Harnik said. The Federation Cup, which is the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup, is played between rival nations, with a tie composed

of two singles matches and a dou-bles. Israel's challenge will be spearheaded by Anna Smashnova, who with a WTA ranking of 75, is the second-highest placed player in the competition. Poland's Magdalena Grzybowska is high-est at 69, with Ukraine's Natalia Medvedeva, sister of Andrei Medvedev, next at 135. The rest of Israel's line-up will

include Hila Rosen, Natalie Cahana and Tzipi Obzilez Team coach Hans Felius said yesterday that Smashnova will be playing at the Lipton Championships in Florida and may only arrive later. The Ramat Hasharon competi-

tion will comprise foor roundrobin groups headed by a seeded nation. Israel is seeded fourth among the 20 teams, with Poland,-Ukraine and Finland.

Two teams will go forward from . each group to the playoff stage on. Friday, with the four winners of! those ties advancing to next year's Group L

Bowls squad on rebound

NORMAN SPIRO ADELAIDE

ISRAEL won its trips and pairs matches yesterday in the second. day of the World Bowls: Championships, Jeff Rabkin, Lawrence Mendelsohn and Leon. Blum beat Guernsey (21-11) and Kenya (32-8).

In the pairs, George Kaminsky, and Chaim Miller beat Western Samoa 27-8. The pairs play Argentina and Scotland today: while the trips take on the US.

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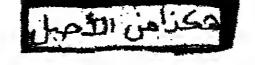
evening for two at the Golf Instruction Center and Driving Range at the Wingate Institute. Fill in the entry form with your pick of this year's winner and return it to

The Jerusalem Post by Friday, March 29, 1996. All those who pick the winner will participate in a draw for the prize.



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CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

ITZHAK Perlman is back in town playing the rarely heard Barber Violin Concerto with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted hy David Zinman.

The American maestro also leads the IPO in Meodelssohn's The Hebrides Overture and in Brahms's First Serenede.

At 8:30 tonight, 7 tomorrow, 2 on Friday and 9 oo Saturday at Tel Aviv's Mann Auditorium; and at 8:30 Sunday through Tuesday at the Haifa Auditorium.

The recowned Arditti Striog Quartet from England performs quartets by Ferneyhough, Cernowio, Carter, Ligeti and Mordechai Seter at 8 tonight at the Tel Aviv Museum as part of the Tempus Fugit festival. Also oo today's festival program are a coocert lecture at 3 with soprano Phyllis Bryo-Julson, e family concert at 5, a clarinet recital with Charles Neidich at 6, and much more.

Jerusalemite Elli Jaffe, who is appreciated as a cooductor much more in Prague than in his hometown, makes a rare local appearance at 8 tonight and tomorrow leading the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, IBA, io Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphooy and the overture to Verdi's La Forza del Destino.

He is joined by American teoor Alberto Mizrahi singing arias from Andrea Chenier (Giordano), Werther (Masseget), L'Arlesiana (Cilea), Un Ballo in Maschera and La Forza del Destino (both by Verdi). At the Henry Crown Symphooy Hall.



The Arditti String Quartet from England is featured at the Tempus Fugit festival in Tel Aviv.

FILM

Adina Hoffman

*** SENSE AND SENSIBILITY - Emma Thompson stars with grace in Ang Lee's highly eotertaining and big-hearted film. What's perhaps eveo more impressive, she also wrote the screenplay - and did a very fice job. Based on Jane Austen's first published oovel, the script is a model of how a 185-year-old comedy of manners cao be vitally adapted for the contemporary screeo: There is, almost miraculously, nothing starched or prim about the movie. Thompsoo's rendition of Austen's measured book is faithful to the original without being slavish, at once respectful and creative. And Lee - whose The Wedding Banquet and Eat Drink Man Woman were two of the most surprising movies of the last several years - was an inspired choice to direct. While he shows great affection for the characters and the formal rituals that surround them, he's not huog up on the trappings. With an excellent cast that includes delightful, cameofaced Kate Winslet and smoldering Alan Rickman, (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Pareotal guidance suggested.)









CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Race all round the city (14) 9 Produce finish in green

going (5)

possibly (8) 10 Spike helps to keep Ron

12 Impudence that's lower than cheek (4)

13 One aces them through them perhaps (10)

15 Let Diane become involved

16 Firm takes abstainer on to produce thread (6)

18 Vehicle overturned in the ancient country (6)

20 Many e workroom by the drowned valley in Italy (8) 23 Course sailor's taking of 24 Esme removed the flighty creature (4)

26 Entering right into the opening passage (5) 27 Small fleet to float away,

I'll be bound (8) 28 Catching e long way down

(4-3,7)

DOWN

2 Detailed feline (4.3) 3 Being unable to fly, he goes

into the Academy (4)

4 Little grebe did seem to lose second mate (8)

Richard included (6)

5 To make wealthy men.

7 A minor radical? (7) 8 Takes e very long time as one gets older and older? (4,3,4)

11 Hospital number (11) 14 Idiot, after noon comin' round on deck (10)

17 Finishes knitting and sets

sail (5,3)

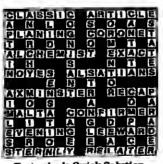
19 Favour e small flower? (7) 21 Balmier sort of earth used

for an embankment (7)

22 Two fellows in real

trouble—it'a e lottery (6) 25 One among bachelors finds prejudice (4)

SOLUTIONS



Yesterday's Quick Solution ACROSS: 1 Wreck, 4 Oiling, 9 Cleaner, 10 Friar, 11 Eddy, 12 Contact, 13 Ode, 14 Dear, 16 Reel, 18 Spy, 20 Elegant, 21 Lake, 24 Inane, 25 Respond, 25 Greets, 27 Shear.

DOWN: 1 Wicked, 2 Emend, 3 King. 5 Infantry, 6 Imitate, 7 Gyrate, 9 Price, 13 Ornament, 15 Elevate, 17 Vexing, 19 Story, 19 Render, 22 Above, 23 Asks.

QUICK CROSSWORD 9 Tabby (3) 13 Abduct (6) 17 Cruel (6) 18 Record (4) 20 Faint (3)

ACROSS 1 Grasping (8) 7 Rear parts (5)

8 Dancer (9)

10 Police spy (4) 11 Fireside (6)

14 Baleen (anag.) (6)

22 Orbiting vehicle 23 Water-lily (5) 24 Having floors (8)

6 Set of identical species of atom (7) 7 Ball-like (7) 12 Make donkey (7) 13 Wiseacre (4-3) 15 Homa' (7)

5 Flog (5)

16 Babe (6) 17 Oneness (5) 19 Love-god (5) 21 Shakespearean king (4)

TELEVISION

E CHANNEL 1

6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Physical Fitness 7:00 Good Morning Israel

■ EDUCATIONAL TY

8:00 Evolution 8:30 Arithmetic 8:55 Stories of the homeland 9:10 English 10:00 Morning chat - Batya Barak talks to educators, social workers and psychologists about Moses as a leader and a human being 10:30 Science 11:00 Music 11:25 Geography 11:45 Judaism 12:20 Life sciences 12:20 French 12:35 Science and technology 13:30 Stories about animals 13:45 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:00 Fables about King Babar 14:30 Amico and his Friends 15:00 Baby at the top

E CHANNEL 1

15:32 Tinytoon 15:55 Rex 16:20 The Friends of Shush 16:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zap — current affairs 18:15 News in English ARABIC PROGRAMS

18:30 Four Seasons magazine 19:00 News fortnightly

HEBREW PROGRAMS 19:30 Every Evening with Merav Michaell 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Focus - Ehud Ya'arl interviews newsmakers 21:20 Bugs - suspens series set in the 21st century 22:15 No Man's Land - Ram Evron hosts a live interview program based on news media reports 23:00 Dream On comedy 23:30 News magazine 00:00 Verse of the Day

■ CHANNEL 2

13:00 In Yaron's Studio 13:30 Power Rangers 14:00 Star Trek - the next generation 15:00 The Magic of Imba Oded Menashe and Dana Dvorin take children into e land of make believe 15:30 Dave's World 15:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 SporTV – youth sports maga-zine 18:00 Senora – Spanish scap opera 19:00 Hang Time – high school comedy 19:25 Blind Date 20:00 News 20:30 Wheel of Fortune – quiz show 21:06 The Wonderful World – entertainment program with Erez Tal 22:35 NYPD 23:30 Do the Right Thing (1989) – Tempers flare and tenslons give way to violence on a hot day in New York. Directed by Spike Lee. (120 min.) 00:00 News 00:05 Do the Right Thing (continued) 1:26 Eldorado (1963) - Israeli production

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JORDAN TV

15:00 The Flintstones - cartoon 15:30 Speed Racer 15:50 Bill Nye the Science Guy - documentary 16:15 Dinosaurs 16:45 The Secret World of Alex Mac 17:00 Tales of the Gold Monkey 18:00 French programs 20:30 News headlines 20:35 Evening Shade - comedy 21:00 The Nature of Things 21:25 The Bold and the Beautiful 22:10 Under the Sun — Women of the Yellow Earth 23:00 News in English 23:25 Air Wolf 00:20 The Silk Road 1:30 Second Thoughts

MIDDLE EAST TV

15:90 The 700 Club 15:55 Whispering City - A barrister whose past has caught up with him must now find a way to cope with the power of the press. Starring Paul Lukas and Many Anderson (89 mins) 17:30 mary Anderson (89 mins) 17:30
Dennis the Menace 17:55 Mask
18:20 Fables of the Green Forest
18:45 Another Life 19:10 Hart To Hart
20:10 Magnum P.I. 21:00 World
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Special Program

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■ ITV 3 (33)

17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Royal Tears 18:30 Panel discussion in Arabic 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs we loved 20:00 Mabat news 20:45 Nostalgia 00:00 Closedown

■ ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 This is My City 16:15 Investigative Eye 16:35 Science and Technology 17:00 Gulliver's Trevels 17:30 Time Out 18:00 Shakespearean Tragedies 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Everything's Open – Youth and Judaism 19:30 A Matter of Time 20:00 A New Evening (with Russlan subtitles) 20:30 Basic Arabic 21:00 Zero Hour 21:30 Birdland 22:30 Evolution

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

8:00 Falcon Crest (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Second Time Around 10:55 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati Around 10:55 W.K.H.P. in Circarnan 11:25 Celeste (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Perry Mason 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 The A Team 14:55 Falcon Crest 15:45 Secrets of the North 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Models Inc. 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Celeste 20:50 Melrose Place 21:40 Sisters 22:30 One of the Gang - drama 23:20 Mad About You 23:45 Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25 Knots

M.MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

10:30 Mother of the Bride (not) 12:10 Broken Blossoms (1919) — Classic drama by D.W. Griffith, starring Lillian Gish as a poor girl dominated by her tyrannical tather. (94 min.) 14:05 Hearts on Fire (rpt) 15:40 Amorel (rpt) 17:15 State Tutil Bene (1990, Italian) — e Sicilian pensioner decides to visit his five children, spread throughout the country, to discover that they're not so successful nor happy as he thought (120 min) 19:20 Fatal Memories (1993) — e young married woman begins to be visited by child-hood memories, which suggest that

her father abused her sexually and was responsible for the murder of a childhood friend 21:00 The Night We Never Met (1993) – a young man rents a room in his apariment, on atternate nights, to a young man and a young woman — with the inevitable result. Starring Matthew Broderick. (98 min) 22:45 Brighton Beach Memoirs (1986) — Adaptation of Neil Simon's semi-autoblographical play. An American Jewish boy documents his family history in order to maintain his sanity in an atmosphere of mad-ness. Starring Blythe Danner, Bob Dishy, Brlan Drillinger and Stacey Glick. (104 min.) 00:30 Hard Ticket to Hawaii (1987) - young federal agent is sent to combat drug gangs in Hawaii (90 min) 2:10 For Queen and

Country (rpt) **■ CHILDREN (6)**

6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Popcomia (rpt) 8:30 Creepy Crawlers (rpt) 9:05 Wild Nature (rpt) 9:40 The Heart (rpt) 10:15 Hangin' with Mr. Cooper (rpt) 10:45 Lois and Clark (rpt) 11:40 Loony Toons (rpt) 12:00 Saved by the Bell (rpt) 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 The Ketchup Vempires 14:00 C.O.W. Boys 14:35 Beakman's World 15:10 The Heart 15:45 Scientific Love 18:20 Loony Toons 16:35 Little House on the Prairie 17:30 Seved by the Bell 18:00 Hugo 18:35 Popcomia (rpt) 19:00 Creepy Crawlers 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Step By Step 20:50 My Big Brother Jack 21:20 Cheers

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Stalker (1979, Russian) Philosophical science fiction. A guide brings two men to a forbidden area. with a room in which all wishes are fulfilled. (160 min) 00:40 Le Journal d'une femme de chambre (1964) — Film by Luis Bunuel, of a Parisian chambermaid who works at the mansion of a provincial family, where she encounters e succession of bizarre characters. (93 min)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University: Social Sciences and Education 12:00 Wushu the Talking Chimpanzee (rpt) 13:00 Air Combat (rpt) 14:00 Open University 16:00 Wushu the Talking Chimpanzee (rpt) 17:00 Air Combat (rpt) 18:00 Open University 20:00 Underwater World: Meeting the White Shark 21:00 Hunters 22:00 Future Quest 22:30 Connections 23:00 Quest 22:30 Connections 23:00 Underwater World 23:50 Open

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 Barbary Jazz 5:30 Russia Now 7:00 The Selina Scott Show 8:00 NBC News 8:30 ITN News 9:00 The Today Show 11:00 Supershop 12:00 Eumpean Money Wheel 17:00 Moming Report from Wall Street – live 18:00 US Money Wheel 19:30 FT Business Tonight 20:00 ITN News 20:30 Voyager 21:30 The Selina Scott Show 22:30 Date 23:30 ITN News 10:00 PCA Golf 1:00 The News 00:00 PGA Golf 1:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2:00 Late Night with Conen O'Brien

STAR PLUS

6:00 Aerobics 8:30 The Artist and the Professor 7:00 Beverly Filipities 7:30 Frugal Cooks 8:00 El TV 8:30 Gabrielle 9:30 Santa Barbara 10:80 The Bold and the Beautiful 11:00 Oprah Winfrey 12:00 Remington Steele 13:00 Frugal Cooks 13:30 El TV 14:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 14:30 Small Wonder 15:00 Black Station 15:30 Batman 16:00 Home and Away 16:30 Entertainment Tonight 17:00 M*A*S*H 17:30 Doogle Howser M.D. 18:00 Anything But Love 18:30 NYPD Blue 19:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 20:00 Santa Barbara 21:00 Hard Copy 21:30 The Extraordinary 22:30 City Secrets

23:30 Entertainment Tonight 00:00 Oprah Winfrey 1:00 Hard Copy 1:30 Home and Away 2:00 The Sullivans

■ CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in motion 16:30 To_be announced 17:30 Soccer: European / Cup Finals: Nottingham vs Munich (rpt) 19:30 NBA Basketball: Houston vs Golden State 21:15 Boxing 22:15 European Championship Soccer League: Italy vs Spain - live

■ EUROSPORT

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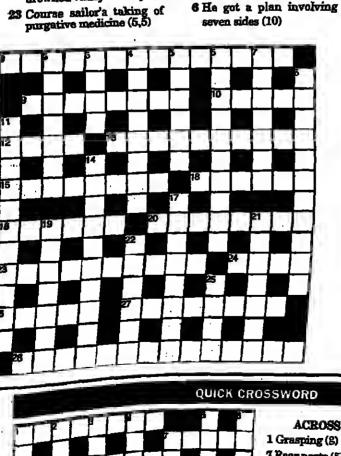
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A-G decides to drop incitement charges against four rabbis

CRIMINAL charges will not be filed against four rabbis suspected of encouraging the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin because all of the evidence against them is hearsay, Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair decided.

Both police and the State Attorney's Office supported the

The police had investigated four rabbis - Nahum Rabinovich, Dov Lior, Eliezer Melamed, and Shmuel Dvir - in response to a few separate complaints.

Two of the complaints were from people who said they had both separately heard Dvir say he had heard Rabinovich and Lior state that they had ruled that Rabin was a rodef. By Jewish law, a rodef, or someone who wants to kill you, can legally he killed.

Not only did Rabinovich and Lior deny ever having given such a roling, but they denied knowing Dvir, who in turn denied ever having made the incriminating statements. Faced with these unequivocal denials, the hearsay evidence of the complaints would not stand a chance in court, Ben-Yair said.

Another complaint revolved around a letter sent by Lior, Melamed, and Rabbi Daniel Shilo to some of the country's leading halachic authorities asking whether Rabin and other government ministers should be considered moserim, or people who hand another Jew over to the non-Jewish authorities. Under Jewish law, a moser can be put to death.

However, Ben-Yair found that the letter did not constitute incitement since it did not say that Rabin was a moser but requested a halachic ruling on the subject.

A third complaint charged that Rabinovich compared the Rabin government to the Nazi regime and said that minea might he planted to stop the IDF if it tried to evacuate the settlements. The remarks were made in a private conversation, which his interlocutor secretly recorded.

Ben-Yair found that this did not constitute criminal incitement because the charge applies only to statements made publicly or publicized in some fashion and not to private conversations.

He also noted that Rabinovich

opposed violence in public; this private remark simply slipped out at a moment of great emotional

"None of this detracts from the severity of what was said and written [by the rabbis], which includes upsetting and inappropriate statements." Ben-Yair's assistant, Noam Solberg, concluded in a letter to the police explaining the decision. "There is, indeed, room for the appropriate soulsearching.'

"However, it is not possible to hase a criminal indictment solely on hearsay," he said. "And, as will be remembered, some of the hearsay fregarding people who allegedly supported the murder has caused unnecessary

No strike today; pension negotiations continue

UNION representatives continued to negotiate with the Treasury last night over their demands for changes in the government's pension plan, to ensure the pension rights of more than 600,000

The large unions called off the strike scheduled for today, in the hope that an agreement over 22 amendments which they present

cepted during the night.

is to meet this morning to decide on its next steps, according to the progress made in the negotia-

Peretz said most of the obstacles

had been overcome and a new pension plan is expected to be

If the pension agreement is signed today, Peretz said, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat will present it to the cabinet for approval on Sunday, or at the next cabinet session.

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Third Way choosing Knesset list

LIAT COLLINS

THE Third Way is scheduled to choose its Knesset list this afternoon during a gathering of the party council in Ramat Efal, Nearly 50 candidates are vying for a spot on the 16-member list. Party head MK Avigdor Kahalani was officially endorsed last week.

Candidates will have a chance to individually present their credo to the council before the polling booths open. The council members can rank a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 16 out of the hopefuls. The points each candidate is granted will be added up to give the final result in what has been nicknamed the Eurovision Method.

chaired by Prof. Arieh Roth, cannot reject a candidate but may suggest the council reconsider the list if necessary.

Surveys are currently giving the Third Way between three and four seats in the next Knesset, but party members are hoping for closer to eight, based on the floating vote, disappointed supporters of David Levy's Gesher Party and young, first-time voters.

Prominent names on the candidates' list include founder members Yehuda Harel, MK Emannel Zissman, Golan Reights regional council head Eli Malka, Uzi Keren, Avraham Ziskin, Alex Lubotsky and Ra'anan

PRIME Minister and Defense ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

Herzl Bodinger at Tel Nof Air Base yesterday.

Minister Shimon Peres visited an air base yesterday, climbing inside the cockpit of an F-15 and examining anti-tank missiles strapped to an Appache attack helicopter.

"I saw things I'm sure will warm the heart of every citizen in the State of Israel," Peres said after a three-hour tour of the Tel Nof air hase. "The IAF has jumped a qualitative step. Some of its weapons systems are the most sophisticated in the world." Peres, who has come under fire

Peres pays 'reassuring' visit to air force

Prime Minister and Defense Minister Shimon Peres is shown an F-15 by OC Air Force Maj.-Gen.

for not appointing a full-time defense minister following the recent suicide hombings, added that a number of the home-grown avionics and weapons gave Israel an "additional and significant capability."

Peres landed at the air base in central Israel in a Black Hawk helicopter and was greeted by Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and the air force's top command. He reviewed an honor guard amid the roar of F-

15s and Phantoms perfor touch-and-go landings nearby. Ontgoing OC Maj Gen. Heizi Bodinger then led Peres through the base for a briefing on the

Peres ended his visit with a close-up look at the new Appache attack helicopters Israel received from the US.

After that, Bodinger invited Peres to climb into the cockpit of an F-15 named "Shavit" which had four kill marks painted on its fuselage for Syrian planes downed in 1982,

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PRIME Minister Shimon Peres officially opened the new Hashalom Railway Station in Tel Aviv last night.

Peres stressed the importance of rail transportation, which will improve the quality of life in Tel Aviv and the entire country.

The standard of living has risen considerably in the last few years, leading to increased traffic on the roads which the existing infrastructure cannot handle, he said,

This government, and that of prime minister Yitzhak Rahin, have invested heavily in transportation infrastructure, implementing plans from Peres's tenure as transportation minister in 1971,

He also pointed out that more trains means fewer traffic accidents.

The modern new station - in the 21st-rather than the 20thcentury style - and comfortable trains will lead to increased use, and eventually railways will become the country's most popular means of transport, Peres said, noting that railways are also a solution to ecological problems.

The new station on Derech Hashalom - the Peace Road - is indeed a station on the road to peace, Peres said, adding that train will not stop until it reaches the terminus of peace.

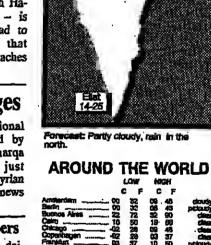
Syria: Israel reneging on peace pledges

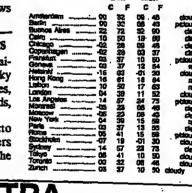
DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Svria's ruling coalition yesterday accused Israel of going back on its commitments to the Middle East peace process.

But the Progressive National Front, at a meeting chaired by Vice-President Zuheir Masharqa on Monday night, said a just peace remains "a strategic Syrian choice," the official Syrian news agency SANA reported.

Winning cards & numbers In yesterday's Mifal Hapayis daily Chance card draw, the lucky cards were the queen of spades, eight of hearts, king of diamonds, and jack of clubs.

In last night's weekly Lotto drawing, the winning numbers were I, 6, 17, 29, 30, and 35. The





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The unions' action committee

Histadrut Chairman MK Amir

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Security agreement with Turkey

The Defense Ministry amounced yesterday

that the Israeli and Turkish armies have agreed

to hold joint maneuvers and training exercises.

to Israel by the Turkish Deputy Chief of Staff

It was also agreed to set up a security forum

for strategic dialog between Israel and Turkey.

Suspected forger released

NIS 30,000 bail yesterday by Tel Aviv

A 63-year-old Tel Aviv jeweler suspected of

forging stamps on gold jewelry was released on

Foldi Markovitz was arrested on Wednesday

by the National Fraud Squad. Authenticity

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of gold and determines the karat.

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Cevik Bir, the ministry said.

The agreement was signed during the recent visit

ments yesterday afternoon that an agreement on the pension plan was reached, before the Treasury had given its reply to several of the unions' demands. "The Histadrut has lost all credibility with its disinformation and false statements," a union spokesperson

NEWS IN BRIEF

Villager wounded by gunfire An Israeli Arab from Ara village turned up

yesterday at a Tulkarm hospital with a bullet wound in the back, and was taken in critical condition to Hillel Yoffe Hospital in Hadera. Police are investigating whether the man, who has a criminal background, was wounded after not stopping at an army checkpoint at Baka a-Sharkiya near Tulkarm.

100,000 illegal foreign workers A report on the presence of 100,000 illegal

foreign workers in Israel has found that approximately 25,000 are from the CIS, 20,000 from Asia, 15,000 from Africa, 15,000 from Eastern Europe, 15,000 from South America, and 10,000 from Arab countries. The study, presented yesterday to Interior Minister Haim Ramon, recommended strengthening border inspection procedures, expelling illegal foreigners and punitive measures against Jerusalem Post Staff



MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

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Service is becoming a tradition Maximum Cost of Burial Plots when Purchased in Advance

The public is hereby advised that the Minister for Religious Affairs has recently determined the maximum cost of burial plots when purchased in advance. These rates will come into effect as soon as they are ratified by the Interior Committee of the Knesset. Anyone considering buying a burial plot should refer to the following table of charges*:

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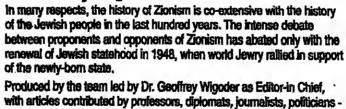
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